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U.S. attack on Libya stirs world criticism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The aftershocks of the American bombing of Libya were still being felt around the world this week.

Last week's raid, a bold escalation of the Reagan administration's mounting confrontation with Libya, unleashed a wave of anti-American and anti-British criticism and violence, and led to a terrorist attempt on an El Al airliner in London.

But the bombardment also appeared to stiffen the resolve of some of Washington's Western European allies to confront the specter of Libyan terrorism.

In its immediate wake, Muammar Qadaffi, the Libyan leader, pledged to work for world revolution. He called on Arab League countries to hit the American Sixth Fleet, and Libya's radio urged strikes against U.S. targets "wherever they may be."

President Ronald Reagan, who ordered the strike, vowed to continue the struggle against "the scourge of terrorism" until it is eradicated.

No sooner had he spoken than Libyan gunboats fired at a U.S. naval station on the Italian island of Lampedusa, their missiles falling harmlessly into the sea.

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Persian Gulf, the Arab world, in a rare display of unity, unanimously condemned the raid. And in New Delhi, the foreign ministers of 21 non-aligned countries also expressed condemnation.

Western Europe voiced dissent as well. And the Soviet Union, one of Libya's chief backers, reacted by abruptly canceling a pre-summit meeting that would have been held next month between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Russian Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze.

Meanwhile, Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, promised to strengthen Libyan air defences.

The only countries publicly defending the Americans were Britain (which let U.S. aircraft fly to Libya from two of its bases), Canada and Israel.

The Israelis said the U.S. had acted in self-defence. Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, declared: "To my joy, America has finally acted with force against terrorism."

The international terrorism to which he referred *(See analysis, page 10)* almost caused a tragedy in Britain. At Heathrow Airport, an Irish woman was stopped from boarding an El Al plane bound for Tel Aviv. In her suitcase was a large amount of plastic explosives.

If she had succeeded in getting aboard, the plane would have exploded over London and killed nearly 400 people. British police arrested a 35-year-old Palestinian, and later released his unwitting female accomplice.

The El Al incident underscored the tense atmosphere that the fear of terrorism has engendered. Avraham Sharir, the Israeli minister of tourism, criticized the Reagan administration last week for having cautioned American tourists to avoid Europe and the Middle East. He revealed that tourism to Israel has dropped by 30% in recent months because travelers are afraid.

Throughout the Middle East, the backlash was immediate.

Three British citizens in Lebanon who had been kidnapped were found

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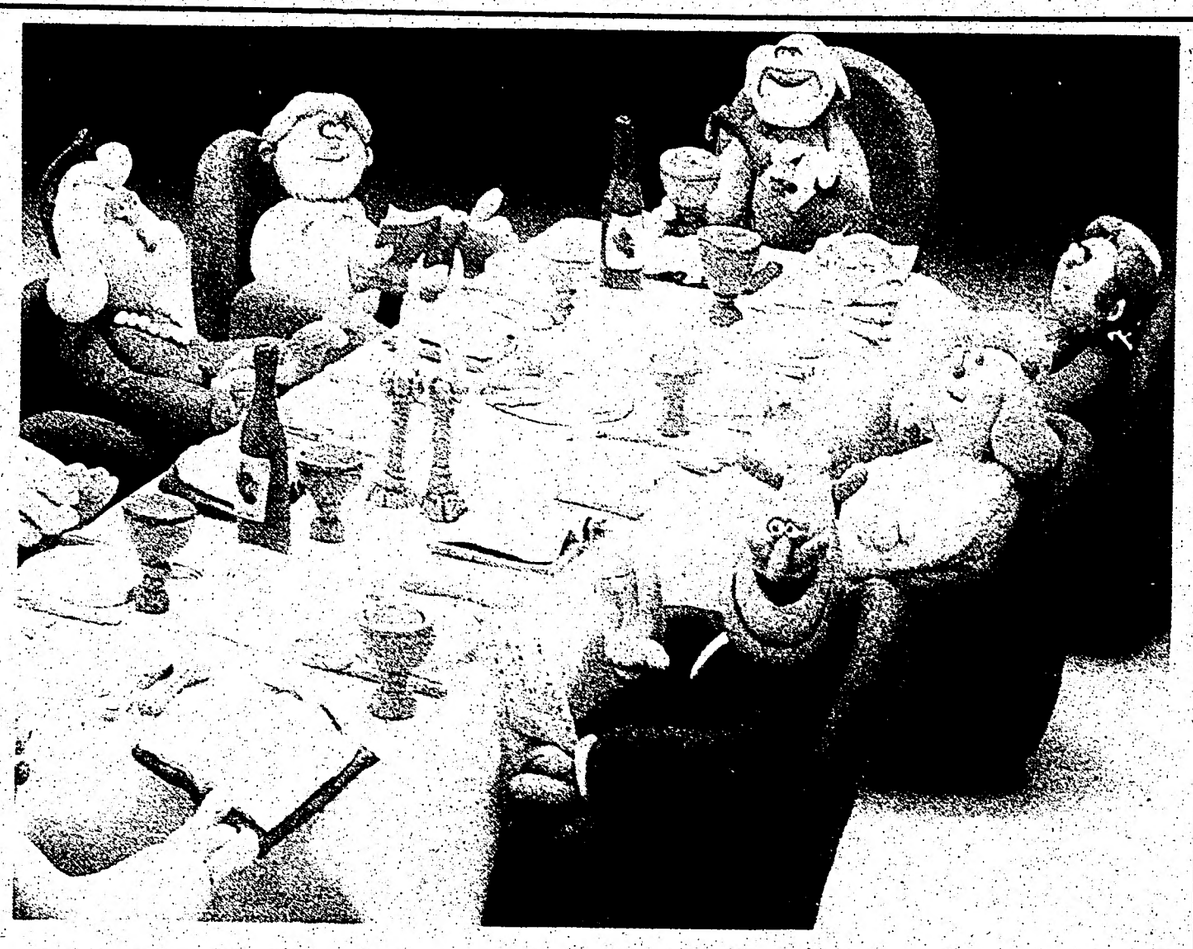

A scene from the video Animated Haggadah.

A new way to tell the old, old story

How is the Animated Haggadah different from all other haggadot?

It's the first color cassette version of the Pesach story ever produced — a telling of Judaism's prime tale in a form that even a junior video junkie can appreciate.

The 27-minute production by Israelis Rony Oren and Uri Shinar uses brightly colored clay figures to teach youngsters between 3 and 9 years of age the basics of a seder and the Passover story.

The video begins with skeptical 12-year-old Danny listening to his Grandpa Sam — a lovable little figurine in a white toothpaste-like beard and moustache — recount the Exodus. In a 3,500-year flashback, the scene changes to Jacob and his sons going to Israel and being enslaved by the Pharaoh, and the subsequent process of their liberation through one miracle after the other. Danny is overawed by it all.

Simple language, humorous touches — Jacob's family goes to Egypt in a jumbo jet, for example — and illuminating interpretations — one character with four faces asks the questions, to suggest the complexity of the human personality — combine for a memorable presentation.

The cassette, available in English, Hebrew, French or Spanish, comes with its own musical score, a mix of classical and Jewish themes written by composer Andre Haidu.

Comments Shinar, producer and scriptwriter: "Our sages teach that in every generation each individual is bound to regard himself as if he had personally gone forth from Egypt. Our Animated Haggadah is a translation of the story into language that many youngsters these days can relate to."

The video, and an abridged hard covered haggadah based on it, are available in Toronto through Negev Importers Ltd.

Israel financial probe stuns banking circles

By HUGH ORGEL

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel's banking system, the stock exchange and the entire financial establishment are the targets of scathing criticism in a report released over the weekend by the special commission set up to investigate the collapse of bank shares and other stocks that touched off a financial panic three years ago.

Banking circles were reported to be stunned by the 560-page document, the fruits of 13 months' labor by the commission headed by Supreme Court Justice Chaim Beisky.

It recommends, among other things, that the governor of the Bank of Israel and heads of the country's five largest commercial banks be forced to resign within 30 days, and that few if any of them should be entrusted in the future with posts of responsibility in their banks or any other financial institutions, at home or abroad.

Beisky said the full record of the commission's hearings, comprising thousands of pages of testimony, would be made available to the attorney-general to institute criminal procedings against individuals if he deems it necessary.

The commission's report severely criticized former Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and, to a lesser extent, former Finance Minister Yigael Horowitz, both of whom served in Likud-led governments before the crash. According to the report, they knew that the banks were grossly inflating the value of their shares sold on the stock exchange but did nothing to halt the practice.

The leaders of the stock exchange were also sharply rapped for failing to heed warnings of an imminent collapse.

Bank shares were the most popular form of personal savings until 1983 when the deteriorating economic conditions and periodic devaluations of the shekel precipitated a rush to sell them off in order to buy dollars and other hard currencies.

The banks, which issued the shares, were shoring up their value while keeping the public in the dark. According to the Beisky commission, this process had been going on since the early 1970s, when the Labor Party was in power. But it intensified and grew dangerous after the Likud regime took office in 1977, the report said.

Premier Shimon Peres was reported to be consulting with financial and legal authorities and economists about the need for special regulations to be adopted immediately to prevent a flood of private law suits against the banks by customers who may claim, on the basis of the commission's report, that they had been defrauded.

Racism possible motive

Police probe rabbi slaying

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Police in Pittsburgh say they have few leads in the shooting murder last Thursday of Toronto Rabbi Neil Rosenblum, who was gunned down by unknown assailants while returning from synagogue.

However, police are not discounting the murder's racial element.

Detective Robert McCabe told a Toronto newspaper Monday the shooting "may have been a racial thing because (Rosenblum) was wearing Orthodox Jewish clothing and someone who didn't like Jews saw him and decided to kill him."

Rosenblum, 24, was shot six times at close range after a car pulled up next to him and a man asked him for directions. Bullets hit the young rabbi, a graduate of Ner Israel Yeshiva College in North York, in the abdomen, wrist and chest. He died four hours later while undergoing surgery at Presbyterian University College.

He was dressed in traditional Orthodox Jewish garb and had a beard.

Over 1,000 members of Toronto's Jewish community turned out last Friday for Rosenblum's funeral, conducted by Rabbi Raphael Marcus.

Rosenblum was in Pittsburgh with his wife Manya and month-old daughter Baila to celebrate Passover with in his in-laws. He was returning from evening services at a nearby rabbinical school when he was shot at 9.15 p.m. on a dark corner in the predominantly Jewish district of Squirrel Hill.

Before lapsing into unconsciousness, according to reports, Rosenblum described the car his killers were riding: a dark-colored Corvette, and said he was shot by one of two men.

On Monday, Lieutenant William Mullen, who is heading the 10-member homicide team investigating the murder, told The CJN the car description "is all we have," but that police are responding to various leads.

Police said they have

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Brothers finally leave Russia

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Isai and Grigory Goldstein, brothers who waited almost 15 years for visas to leave the Soviet Union, arrived in Israel last Friday with a plea that the Jews they left behind in the USSR not be forgotten.

Isai, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth and their 15-year-old son, Avi, said at Ben Gurion Airport: "Our dream has at last come true. We want no more publicity. All your attention must now be given to those who have been left behind. There are still hundreds of thousands wanting to leave."

Grigory, who is 55 and unmarried, said he and his brother, both physicists, were not allowed to emigrate 15 years ago because both had worked on scientific research. They are natives of Tbilisi, the capital of Soviet Georgia. Grigory was exiled to Siberia for a year because of his Zionist activities.

The brothers renounced their Soviet citizenship in 1972, after Arab terrorists massacred the Israeli Olympic team in Munich. They charged that Moscow had provided the terrorists' weapons. Exit visas were granted them earlier this year after Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts intervened on their behalf during a visit to Moscow.

World-National

CJC plenary holds exciting challenges

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Every three years Jewish individuals from every corner of the country pack their bags and make a trip either to Toronto or Montreal, to attend the plenary assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Who are they, and what do they expect from their often costly journey?

Rabbi Plaut

They are men and women who care about their local communities and the Canadian ambience. They range in age from assembly-scarred veterans to university students whose first plenary it may be. All of them either represent their local or regional communities or come as representatives of specific groupings (many of which may overlap): synagogues, Zionist organizations like Hadassah, landsmanshaften, war veterans, Councils of Jewish Women, and many others. B'nai B'rith itself does not belong to CJC, but its members do, by their various affiliations. The plenary of Congress does indeed come close to being "the parliament of Canadian Jewry."

This year's assembly will begin on May 7 and continue for four days. Its locale are the Convention Centre and L'Hotel in downtown Toronto. In the past, registration has ranged from 800 to 1,200, but attendance at various public functions usually far exceeds the number of delegates.

What may the delegates expect? The coinage of democracy is participation, and congress prides itself on providing as many opportunities for discussion as possible. A multitude of workshops will balance the array of speakers who will grace the platform: leaders from Israel, the United States, and of course

star attraction.
Stephen Lewis, will definitely [illegible] ne will, together with Alan Rose, CJC's executive vice-president, open the proceedings.

Professors and politicians, rabbis and Christian clergy, communal leaders and political analysts dot the splendid roster of speakers. But the most important are the delegates themselves. Without their input Canadian Jewish democracy is merely a dream; with their participation it becomes reality.

The plenary's title is "Canadian Jewry — New Directions," and under this broad rubric there will be opportunities galore to explore the varieties of Jewish experience: global issues and local concerns; large cities and vanishing communities; terrorism — will it come to Canada? South African Jews; Israel and We — what is our commitment? Canada-Israel relations; war criminals and the Deschenes Commission; women and Judaism; Israel and the media; the Holocaust — 45 years later, Jews in Arab and Soviet lands; and more.

And last, but not least, my own particular concern at this time: Should the Canadian Jewish community be involved in social issues? (I shall have occasion to address the plenary on that subject).

Altogether, an exciting array of opportunities and challenges of which I hope, many Canadian Jews will acknowledge by their presence.

A new president will inherit the mantle from Milton Harris, Toronto industrialist, who for the last three years has done a splendid job of reorganizing the internal structure of Congress and has given it new strength. I express my personal appreciation to him for a job well done, and to the incoming president I say: Hatslacha, may your success match your fondest hopes.

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As we enter the Passover season may I wish all our readers: chag sameach!

Klarsfeld TV movie set

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Farrah Fawcett and Tom Conti will star in The Beate Klarsfeld Story, a 2-hour ABC-TV movie based on the woman Nazi hunter who tracked down criminal Klaus Barbie in South America.

The drama will begin filming in May in France where Barbie, known as "The Butcher of Lyons," is awaiting trial for crimes against humanity.

Michael Lindsay-Hogg will direct The Beate Klarsfeld Story, starring Fawcett in the title role, for producer William Kayden and Orion Television. Fawcett received an Emmy nomination for her performance in the TV movie The Burning Bed.

Chief Rabbis on Reform, Conservative movements:

They "are creating a new Torah"

By
YITZHAK RABI

NEW YORK (JTA) — Israel's two Chief Rabbis — Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Sepahrdic Chief Rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu — claim that the Reform and Conservative movements in America "are creating a new Torah that can divide the Jewish people. They must not change halacha (Jewish religious law) and must stop converting to Judaism according to their new laws," the two rabbis said.

In an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at the Israel consulate here, Eliyahu said: "The Jewish people is not a race, it is a religion. The halacha sets the rules of conversion. The Reform and Conservative (movements) want to create a new Torah and they want us to recognize their new religion. By their new laws, they encourage assimilation. They want to force their opinion on us and change halacha."

Shapira added: "The Reform and Conservative rabbis want to convert goyim and make them Jews against halacha. How can you make a goy a Jew when part of the Jewish people (the Orthodox) doesn't want him?

"The point of controversy is not Who is a Jew. The struggle is against the Reform and Conservative way of conversion. We are not against the four or five million Reform and Conservative Jews in America. They will always be Jews. The point of contention are the some 5,000 people whom the Reform and Conservative converted, not according to halacha."

Eliyahu, in a direct appeal to Reform and Conservative Jews, said: "We ask of you, don't divide the Jewish people. Our task is to unite the nation, but you create a new Torah that can divide the Jewish people."

The Chief Rabbis, who were in New York on a 5-day visit to attend Yeshiva University's 100th anniversary, were asked about the escalation of tensions between secular and religious Jews in Israel.

"There are extremists on both sides," Eliyahu replied. "In our opinion, the majority of the Israeli people are sympathetic to religion and keep the tradition of the Jewish people. But there are groups who are creating the escalation because they do not accept the fact that most of the people favor religion."

Shapira noted that the Chief Rabbinate has been working to build bridges between religious and secular Jews in Israel. "Escalation (of tension) is not good for the people of Israel. We, therefore, are organizing meetings between secular and religious groups to promote understanding and friendly relations."

Shapira contended that since the establishment of the State of Israel there has been a "consensus" regarding the character of the Jewish State. "The consensus has been that as a state the character of Israel will always remain Jewish while inside one's home every person can do as he pleases." Now, however, Shapira charged, "there are elements who want to break the consensus." He cited the opening of movie theatres in Israeli cities and towns on Friday nights as an example of "breaking the consensus."

Turning to the issue of Jewish education in the Diaspora, the two religious leaders warned that lack of Jewish education is the major factor in the growing assimilation of the young Jewish generation. "Without Jewish education there will be more and more assimilation," Shapira said.

Eliyahu added: "The Jewish community must mobilize itself and support Jewish education and make it available to those who can't afford it. This must be done to preserve the future of the Jewish people."

Eliyahu and Shapira, who were both born in Jerusalem, expressed the hope that the Ethiopian Jews who immigrated to Israel last year will be fully integrated into Israeli society. They said that the Chief Rabbinate recognized them as Jews but that in order to remove any doubt, the rabbinate asks for ritual immersion in individual cases.

"The newly-arrived Ethiopian Jews are incited by certain elements among them," Shapira and Eliyahu said. "We recognized them as Jews, as a group, but because in certain individual cases there might be a doubt, we ask that they undergo ritual immersion," Eliyahu said.

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NEW YORK (JTA) — The head of the congregational branch of Conservative Jewry accused Israel's two Chief Rabbis of "divisive political action" and said they used their visit to the U.S. to interject "political views and concepts into a religious discussion."

Franklin Kreutzer, president of the 2 million-member United Synagogue of America which represents 850 Conservative congregations in the U.S. and Canada, spoke in response to charges made by Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliyahu, the Ashenazic and Sephardic Chief Rabbis of Israel respectively, that the Reform and Conservative movements "are creating a new Torah that can divide the Jewish people."

"The issue is not whether the Conservative movement observes halacha, as we do, but the refusal of the Orthodox establishment to accept Conservative rabbis performing religious conversions according to halacha," Kreutzer said.

"The issue is not whether Conservative rabbis observe halacha, as they do in conversions and all other religious observances, but where the rabbi obtained ordination. If the ordination if Orthodox, the procedure is accepted; however, if a rabbi with Conservative ordination follows strictly, to the very letter of the law, halachic principles, the conversion is not accepted.

"Why? The answer is obvious — politics," Kreutzer declared. "The divisive political action on the part of the two Chief Rabbis of Israel is consistent with the Orthodox attempt to amend the Law of Return in the Knesset, which has been repeatedly rebuffed and rejected. It is 'chutzpadick' for the chief rabbis to come to America and state that 'We ask of you, don't divide the Jewish people' when it is they and their Orthodox communities that are sowing the seeds of distrust and divisiveness," Kreutzer said.

"We ask only that the Chief Rabbis cease in their determination to foist Israel's internal politics and problems on the Jewish religion in the Diaspora. If halacha is observed, then the Orthodox establishment must accept the legitimate actions of Diaspora Jewry and its rabbis," Kreutzer said.

Keeping benefits backed

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — A majority of the Dutch parliament, including the governing and opposition parties have gone on record in favor of extending reparations and disability benefits to the offspring of Holocaust victims.

The measures, known as the Second Generation Law, is strongly supported by rabbinical and lay leaders in the Netherlands. Rabbi Avraham Soetendorp, of the Liberal congregation in The Hague, and Herman Muspah, a psychiatrist, who is chairman of a liberal opposition in Amsterdam, have testified in favor of the measure.

The rationale is that the second generation, though born after the war, suffered because of the traumatic experiences of their parents.

Blame lack of movement, not the women's movement

By
ELLEN GOODMAN

BOSTON — Sometimes I think that American women have been the subject of more research than the entire species of white rats. If every grant, every publisher's advance, every fellowship devoted to the problems of American women had been used to build day-care centres, they would stretch from coast to coast.

This spring there is yet another bumper crop of cover stories, articles and books about women trying to stretch their energy over children and jobs and coming up short. These pieces are the predictable offspring, if you will excuse the expression, of the baby-boom generation of mothers. In the words a friend used at her 40th birthday, they are "suffering from too much of a good thing."

The most heralded, or huckstered, of these tracts is The Lesser Life by Sylvia Ann Hewlett, who is currently making the circuit from Time Magazine to Donahue. Her premise is that, "Unless women get some relief from their domestic responsibilities they will fare badly in the labor force."

This is not, despite the cover blurb by Liv Ullman, "shocking and eye-opening." One generation exchanged depression for stress. Now the stress generation is looking for help.

Hewlett has been there, but her book wobbles intellectually: a ping of truth here, a disappointing thud there. At best she rehashes much that has already been said about the economic plight of women. Divorce, an unbending workplace, inadequate day care, wild insensitivity to pregnancy . . . round up the usual suspects.

The hook is that after recycling much of the feminist analysis and most of the its agenda, she turns around and names feminism as a chief culprit. Up go the television lights, out come the pens.

Many of the recent books and articles include this sort of ritual whack at the women's movement either for "creating" the Superwoman myth or for "forcing" women to turn in the baby carriage for the briefcase. Hewlett charges that the feminist emphasis on equal rights with men caused them to neglect or deny the very family supports needed by women.

The argument about the best route to change — through equal or special treatment — has been around for a century and it's a meaty one. The argument that feminists are "anti-family" has been around since the late 60s when radicals were giving lessons in lofts in lower Manhattan and talking about the cybernization of child-bearing. But in life, as opposed to lofts, there have been feminists behind every parental-leave bill, every child-care bill, every flexible-work plan.

Hewlett looks abroad for her role models, convinced that women have it better in Europe. Sweden, I'll buy. But Italy, Britain, Greece? It's news to them.

It is easy and sexy to focus on an intra-gender battle, first between traditionalists and feminists, now between feminists and post-feminists. The culprit is not feminism, not even what Hewlett describes as the cult of motherhood, but the cult of rampant individualism. In America we still regard each worker as disconnected, each child as private property, and child-raising as an issue for each family to resolve on its own.

If you read an edge of impatience in my words, it's because I have been a working mother now for more than 17 years. In all those years, almost a generation, the need for a more responsive workplace and for social supports, has been crystal clear. Progress has been a whole lot muddier.

Many of us calculated, or hoped, that when women formed a critical mass in the work force, things would finally change. We now have this mega-generation. Many are trying to have it all by doing it all themselves. Others are struggling to keep heads above water. Still others are burning out. The problem isn't the women's movement but the lack of movement. The next few years will determine whether this generation produces massive disappointment.

I admit to a vested interest in this. Right behind the baby boom is my daughter's generation, young women growing up with assumptions. They assume their lives will include work and family. They assume that the workplace will adjust. They don't need the problems researched; they need them solved. One child-care centre is worth a thousand studies.

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Dedicated experience vs. youthful enthusiasm

CJC delegates have clear choice for presidency

By
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and MARK DODICK

It will be a choice between dedicated experience and youthful enthusiasm when delegates vote for a new Canadian Jewish Congress President to succeed Milton Harris at the Congress' plenary assembly in Toronto next month.

Dorothy Reitman of Montreal, chairman of the CJC national executive committee, is competing for the national post with Moshe Ronen, president of the North American Jewish Students' Network.

Reitman, who wants to be the first woman president in the 67-year-old history of the organization, has been a national officer of CJC for nine years, previously serving as secretary and national vice-president.

Her association with CJC began years earlier when, as Montreal and later national president of the National Council of Jewish Women, she sat on the Quebec regional executive. She is currently North American chairman of the International Council of Jewish Women.

Ronen, 27, graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School who was recently called to the Ontario Bar, has been Network president for two years and has served on the CJC national executive committee for five years. He has been a member of the CJC (Ontario Region) executive for the last three years, and is vice-chairman of the Ontario Region's Community Action for Israel Committee.

Reitman says that one of her major goals as president would be to broaden participation in CJC activities in order that the organization may be more representative of Canadian Jewry, especially when it speaks to government on issues.

"Congress would be strengthened by making it accessible to more people, not only in geographical terms, but by the inclusion of the community's different components, particularly young people," she says.

"Canadian Jewry is not a monolithic community and Canadian Jewish Congress should be a place where all views can be heard," Reitman says.

Moshe Ronen

Ronen also believes that more representative voices should be heard within the organization, saying, "Canadian Jewish Congress is a beautiful home. I want to open the windows and let in the fresh air."

He says that Congress should become "a Canadian central clearing house of Jewish ideas," adding that it should not be afraid to have positive debate on divisive issues.

"We must address the Reform-Orthodox rift, and bring the unaffiliated into Congress," Ronen says. CJC should do more to involve young professionals and students, he believes, stating: "Congress has a responsibility not just to pay lip service, but to have an expanded in-house service to students. It's the way to bring them into the organization."

Reflecting her interest in social action issues, Reitman believes it is important for CJC to establish closer links with the non-Jewish community. CJC, she said, has a role to play in increasing understanding among Canadians of such issues as Nazi war criminals, Soviet Jewry, and Israel.

By the same token, Reitman feels the Canadian Jewish community could be more involved in current social issues. "Jews have an important contribution to make in the improvement of the quality of life in Canada."

Reitman is also chairman of CJC's status of women group, a subcommittee of the Law and Social Action Committee, and was a World Jewish Congress delegate at the United Nation's End of the Women's Decade Conference held in Nairobi last summer. She led the CJC delegation at the WJC plenary assembly in Israel in January.

A critical survey of the status of women in Canadian Jewish organizations, both as staff and lay leaders, was carried out a few years ago under her auspices.

Reitman has been a board member of Montreal's Allied Jewish Community Services and of its long-range planning committee.

Dorothy Reitman

She has also held several posts over the years with the Women's Federation and Women's Division of Combined Jewish Appeal. She has served on the boards of the Golden Age Association and the Canadian Association of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

Reitman has also been involved in organizations outside the Jewish community. These include the Canadian Mental Health Association, the Council for Canadian Unity, the Portage Program for Drug Dependencies, the Federation des Femmes du Quebec and the Montreal Council of Women. She is the Quebec co-chairman of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Ronen, who has been deeply involved in the struggle for Soviet Jewry, was arrested in Geneva along with four other protesters for staging a sit-in at the offices of Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, during last November's superpower summit. He and the others were subsequently expelled from Switzerland.

Notwithstanding the existence of the Canada-Israel Committee, Ronen says the CJC "has a responsibility to become more involved in the area of Israel-related issues." He also urges closer ties between the Canadian and American Jewish communities.

Ronen says Jewish education does not receive sufficient emphasis from CJC, adding that his experience in programming for student events would prove beneficial if he were president.

Congress should do more to address the problem of poverty among Canadian Jews, Ronan states. "There's a growing invisible group — the Jewish poor. It's an issue about which the whole Jewish community is not really aware."

Ronen has been a member of the Canadian Zionist Federation for about four years. He has also been vice-president of the World Union of Jewish Students and by virtue of that position a member of the American section of the World Jewish Congress.

Lord's Prayer target of suits by parents

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Two separate challenges to religious observance in the public classroom were launched last week and both promise to be set far-reaching precedents in their outcomes.

In the first, the Supreme Court of Ontario heard a challenge by five Sudbury parents to the daily reciting of the Lord's Prayer in several Sudbury schools.

The suit by the parents was filed a year ago and charges that reciting the Lord's Prayer discriminates against non-believers and against non-Christians.

The Canadian Jewish Congress was an intervenor in the case and through its lawyer John Laskin, argued the Lord's Prayer impinges on Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees freedom of religious expression and prevents discrimination based on religion.

Three of the five parents challenging the Lord's Prayer in the classroom are Jewish.

When the suit was launched, one of the parents, Philip Zylberberg, told The CJN his main objection was the emphasis of one religion over any other, as expressed through the Lord's Prayer as well as the assumption that all students have a religion.

The parents are charging the Lord's Prayer is Christian, not non-denominational and that students should have their choice of either saying a quiet prayer or not saying anything.

B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights, also an intervenor, argued through its lawyer Simon Adler, that the Lord's Prayer "impresses Christian beliefs" and that a common prayer is not the answer because students should have a choice.

Charles Campbell, the lawyer representing the parents, argued in front of three Supreme Court justices that sections of the Education Act which require religious observance in the classroom are beyond the power of the act because they are overridden by sections 2 and 15 of the Charter of Rights, which outline freedom of religion and freedom from discrimination based on religious beliefs.

He said reciting the Lord's Prayer every morning, a practice still widespread in many parts of the province, represents discrimination against atheists as well as against non-Christians.

Allowing some students not to say the prayer along with others or letting some leave the class during its recitation is not the answer, Campbell argued, because those actions would single out certain children, and open them to ridicule from their peers.

He said the Lord's Prayer requirement "induces and impels" religious observance either directly or indirectly and allowing certain children to not say the prayer would "stigmatize" them because "children this age are disinclined to flout authority or ignore peer pressure," according to a psychological study.

Campbell said allowing children to stand out in the hall during the Lord's Prayer wouldn't work in many schools in Sudbury, where the prayer is piped over the public address system and those students would still hear it.

The answer is either banning the prayer entirely or replacing it with a moment of quiet reflection, as many Ontario boards now do, he said.

Arguments wrapped up late last week and the justices reserved judgment. Whatever it will be, participants acknowledged to reporters, it would be appealed and the case will likely end up in Canada's Supreme Court.

In the second case, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association has launched a challenge to the teaching of religious studies in public classrooms.

Led by legal counsel Alan Borovoy, the association is also basing its case on Canada's Charter of Rights, arguing that religious studies, as taught in the Elgin County Board of Education in and around London, "violates the guarantee of freedom of conscience and religion" contained in the Charter.

In some schools religious studies, as outlined in the Education Act, are taught until grade 8, with a half-hour of instruction once a week.

The association charges that the religious studies program promotes one religion over others — Christianity — instead of promoting knowledge about all religions.

The affidavits were filed with the Supreme Court of Ontario early last week.

Canadian Jewish Congress will seek intervenor status in the case.

Voting change

TORONTO —

From now on, all British subjects living in Ontario will have to take out their Canadian citizenship in order to vote in provincial elections.

The change is effective July 1, when Ontario's new Election Act comes into force.

The change will affect some 125,000 British subjects living in Metro, including 75,000 immigrants from the United Kingdom, who will not be able to vote in the next Ontario election unless they become Canadian citizens.

Until now, British subjects were able to vote in Ontario on the strength of their passports.

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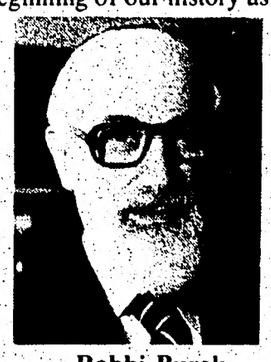
By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Having a large seder is nice. But it becomes too difficult as one grows old. Is it really necessary to have a crowd for the Passover seder? Can't two people who love each other have a quiet seder?

Right from the very beginning of our history as a free people, the seder seems to call for a crowd of celebrants. Thus the Torah tells us, in Exodus, Chapter 12:3-4: ". . . they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household be too little for a lamb, then shall he and his neighbor next unto his house take one according to the number of souls. . . ."


Rabbi Burak

When is the family too small to eat a lamb all by themselves? Chief Rabbi Hertz z.l., in his wise and learned commentary on the Torah, cites a Jerusalem Targum for this definition: "If, however, the men of the house are less than ten," then they are too few to consume an entire lamb at one seder. By the way, the number is not to be found in the Jerusalem Targum but in Targum Yonatan, known to scholars as Pseudo Jonathan. I hope that this printer's error will be corrected in future editions of the Hertz Chumash.

Now, from this Targum, you see that a seder calls for a large group. Shall the 10 men be there without their families? But, for a definitive ruling, one must look into the Talmud. In Tractate Pesachim, 91A, the Mishna gives us this statement on the numbers needed for the paschal lamb: "One may not slaughter the Passover-offering for a single person: this is Rabbi Yehuda's view; but Rabbi Yose permits it. . . ."

Who is right? Rabbi Yehuda, or Rabbi Yose? Maimonides, in his Code, Laws of the Passover Sacrifice, Chapter 2:2, backs the opinion of Rabbi Yose, but he doesn't back him all the way. Here is his ruling: "If a single person slaughtered a paschal lamb for himself alone, it is kosher, provided the man has the capacity to eat the whole of it. But, one tries not to slaughter it just for one man, for it is written, '*they* shall make it.' "

Why hasn't Maimonides accepted Rabbi Yose's ruling completely? It can't be that Rabbi Yehuda's citation was all that impressive, for only by stopping in the middle of the Torah's sentence was Rabbi Yehuda able to find a prooftext. But, when the whole sentence is given from Deuteronomy, Chapter 16:5, it reads thus: "Thou mayest not sacrifice the Passover-offering within one of thy gates," and that doesn't say a thing about the number of people who are to eat the sacrifice.

Denied freedom

I find a clue to this mystery in the teachings of the Gaon and Tzaddik, Rabbi Mendel of Rimanov z.l. as cited by the Gaon Rabbi Meisels z.l. of Chicago, in the introduction of volume 1 of his Mekadshe Hashem. Reb Mendel stated that Pharaoh did not allow the Jews freedom of assembly. The Egyptian king wanted to break the spirit of his Jewish subjects, so he denied them freedom of assembly.

This enabled Rav Meisels to understand Rabbi Yehuda's viewpoint about not bringing the Passover-offering for one man alone. In Egypt we suffered from enforced loneliness, a form of solitary confinement. For that first seder, we were told to break that form of bondage, to join with others in celebration of the Passover. We won the right to assemble. With a large seder we affirm that right.

Nevertheless, Tosfos, in Tractate Yoma, 51A, states that if the total Jewish community were ritually defiled, and only one man ritually pure, he brings the Passover sacrifice all alone. So, you see it can be done alone.

Then, if the lady of the house needs quiet, say the haggadah together, drink the good wine, and God will rejoice in your love and in your understanding, and give you A Happy and Kosher Passover.

Would deal with problems, says Yuzyk

Jewish-Ukrainian panel urged

By
JEFF ROSEN

OTTAWA — A joint committee of Jewish and Ukrainian leaders should be established to discuss and resolve problems of common interest, Senator Paul Yuzyk said at a recent meeting of B'nai B'rith Canada.

Yuzyk, addressing the first gathering of the B'nai B'rith board of governors in Ottawa, said it is important to establish a committee composed of representatives of B'nai B'rith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Ukrainian Canadian Committee which would meet a couple times a year to discuss mutual concerns of Jews and Ukrainians.

BBC president Harry Bick (left) shakes hands with Senator Paul Yuzyk who addressed board of governors in Ottawa. Ted Greenfield (right) thanked the Senator.

"Honest open dialogue"

"The issue of war criminals will be resolved by the Deschenes Commission," said Yuzyk, who has been involved in various facets of the Ukrainian Canadian community for many years. "We'll probably be having some other problems, maybe not as contentious as war crimes, maybe not as heated, but there may be other problems causing friction between our two groups.

"We hope to set up the joint committee in the near future, as well as having a statement signed by the presidents of CJC, BB and UCC dealing with future meetings," he added.

Responding to the senator's comments, Harry Bick, president of B'nai B'rith Canada, said that while they will consider establishing such a committee, it will involve a lot of "soul searching" as BB prefers to act independently rather than as part of a coalition or joint committee.

In addressing the board, Yuzyk stressed that Ukrainians and Jews have much in common, both having been persecuted under the czarist and Soviet regimes. He then went on to discuss the Deschenes Commission and the problems that have resulted since then.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith Canada, praised the senator for his "honest open dialogue" with BB officials.

At an earlier meeting of B'nai B'rith Canada's board of governors, Otto Jelinek, minister of state for multiculturalism, paid tribute to the Jewish community and B'nai B'rith in particular for its efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry and its commitment and dedication in the field of human rights, CJN Ottawa correspondent David Levy reports.

"No community has done more than the Jewish community," Jelinek said, paying tribute to the previous Liberal government for its accomplishments in the area of multiculturalism.

However, he insisted that a "new reality in Canada" now made this a time for a change in direction.

With some 20 Liberal MPs and senators in the audience, including Herb Gray, Warren Allmand and Bob Kaplan, Jelinek denied his government had cut funding in introducing its new multiculturalism program.

He confirmed that B'nai B'rith could access government funding in carrying out its wish to impart its great experience to other ethnocultural groups.

Replying to a question expressing concern over Canada becoming "a haven" for possible illegal arms shipments to the Middle East with the mooted building in Cape Breton of a munitions plant there, Jelinek denied that Canada had ever been "a haven" for such shipments.

"To Cuba and the Soviet Union under the previous administration, yes," he said, promising to take the expressed concern about Canada being on course to supply arms to the Middle East to the cabinet.

Another question, about the current situation with regard to an offer of an apology and redress to Japanese Canadians victims of Canadian bigotry during World War II, prompted Jelinek's other partisan remark of the strictly non-partisan evening.

"In 43 years we're the only government that has moved in that direction," he said, assuring his audience that the government would come forward with an apology and a redress package.

B'nai B'rith's board of governors commended the U.S. government for its "assertive and direct actions" in the fight against terrorism and its actions taken against Libya.

"Through its terrorist attacks against Americans and other innocent people around the world, Libya has become a menance to world peace," stated Bick.

The governing body also passed a resolution commending the Canadian government for increasing security at airports and other ports of access and called upon the government to further increase its efforts to bring an end to international terrorism by cutting off air travel to and from any state that refuses to prosecute terrorists and to relinquish all diplomatic relations with any state that trains or harbors terrorists.

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Similar to Deschenes Commission

Australian Jews want Nazi war criminal probe

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Inspired by Canada's example, the Australian Jewish community wants to establish a commission of inquiry into Nazi war criminals resident in their country, similar to the one here headed by Justice Jules Deschenes.

The Sydney-based New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies sent a representative to Montreal recently to research the possibilities. Ron Kampeas, a former Montrealer, met with officials of the two Jewish organizations with standing before the Deschenes commission, Canadian Jewish Congress executive director Jack Silverstone and assistant executive director Bill Stroll, and B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights regional director Arthur Hiess.

Kampeas said the issue of bringing Nazi war criminals to justice has become a matter of public discussion in Australia lately. The debate was touched off last November when it was revealed that Conrad Kalejs, a suspected war criminal who was apprehended in the United States, spent most of his life after the World War II in Australia.

"The irony of it is that he was an immigration official and there are fears that he may have let in many of his friends," said Kampeas.

Kalejs was scheduled to stand trial in the U.S., but jumped bail.

Australian Jewry's consciousness of the problem was furthered raised during the World Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly in Israel in January, said Kampeas.

Irwin Cotler, CJC's legal counsel for the Deschenes commission hearings, stated there that the British foreign office made a request—in 1948 to Commonwealth countries that they stop searching for war criminals, and that Australia complied.

The Jewish community believes about 150 Nazi war criminals are living in Australia. The question has arisen in the Australian parliament and is starting to appear in the media, said Kampeas.

The Labor government is treating it as a "dead issue," according to Kampeas, insisting that the only instance where Australia was found to have been a haven for a suspected Nazi war criminal was in 1975 when the U.S. requested his extradition. It was found the suspect had died in 1968.

The most vocal public official in Australia on the issue is opposition Liberal Senator Peter Baum, who is Jewish. However, the Liberal party has had to live down the fact that one of its prominent members is accused of having been a Nazi propagandist in Yugoslavia during the war.

Lyenko Urbanchich was until 1979 chairman of the party's ethnic communities committee in New South Wales. Pressure from the Jewish community led to his dismissal, said Kampeas. But because Australia has no extradition treaty with either Yugoslavia or Israel, he was never prosecuted.

"The Keegstra and Zundel trials were watched with great interest by the Australian Jewish community. As a result of the publicity surrounding these trials, Peter Baum got a motion passed in the Senate officially recognizing the fact of the Holocaust." Australia has its share of those who deny the Holocaust, the most prominent being historical revisionist John Bennett.

Kampeas noted that Australia has the highest per capita population of Holocaust survivors, with the exception of Israel. "The war criminals issue is therefore all the more compelling." Australia's Jews number anywhere from 80,000 to 100,000 today — no one is sure of the figure because of some doubt about the accuracy of the official census data.

Kampeas left Montreal when he was 18 and lived in Israel for five years. Three years ago, he immigrated to Sydney, Australia. He has been a research officer with the New South Wales Jewish Board of Deputies, part of the central community structure, for the past couple of years.

Clark to raise Ida Nudel case with Soviets

OTTAWA — In a letter to McGill law professor Irwin Cotler, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark said he intends to personally raise the rights of Soviet Jews and specifically the case of Ida Nudel at his next meeting with a member of the Soviet leadership. Clark did not indicate when or with whom the meeting would take place.

"This government's initiatives have placed the Soviet Union very firmly on notice that Canadian concerns for the plight of Soviet Jewry and the right of individuals such as Ida Nudel to emigrate will not diminish and will be pursued forcefully on the bilateral level with the Soviet Union and other countries, and multilaterally through the United Nations and C.S.C.E. (Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe [Helsinki Accords]) process," Clark wrote.

He added that senior officials of his department, both in Moscow and Ottawa, will continue to raise humanitarian issues with the Soviet authorities, including the right of family reunification and Jewish emigration.

"I do not accept the Soviet view that such representations are an unacceptable intrusion into their internal affairs. The UN Charter on Human Rights and the Helsinki Final Act, both signed by the Soviet Union, oblige them to respect human rights, including the right to emigrate."

Clark also noted that he recently met with representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress to "reiterate (his) resolve to press the Soviet authorities for increased Jewish emigration and to explore further the best method for attaining this worthy goal."

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From the owner's trade, figure and calling surnames seem given by rule of contraries."

A Grossman (big man) may be small and a Goldhar (gold haired) may be a brunette. Kaganovitch (son of a Cohen — the priestly tribe of Aaron) was a member of the atheistic politburo.

It is refreshing, therefore, to see the tradition of a surname perpetuated. One of my colleagues in the legal profession is a man of scrupulous integrity and is the rightful heir of a worthy forebear surnamed Biederman — a man of honor. I do not hold it against Ronald Biderman that he spells his name a little differently.

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Waldheim: "An Austrian trusted by the world".

Waldheim admits knowing atrocities against Yugoslavs

By KEVIN FREEMAN

NEW YORK (JTA) — **Austrian presidential candidate Kurt Waldheim conceded for the first time in an interview published here last weekend that he was aware of atrocities committed against Yugoslav partisans, though he remained insistent that he was not involved in the atrocities.**

Waldheim, the 67-year-old former United Nations secretary-general, also said in the interview with The New York Times that he was unaware of the deportation of Greek Jews from Salonika, and also from Vienna, even though he visited the Austrian capital during the war.

"I only heard that there were measures against Jews, that they were taken away without knowing where to — we didn't know. But I didn't know it was such a mass affair, he said of the deportation of Jews from Vienna, which started in 1938.

Waldheim, the conservative Peoples Party candidate in next month's Austrian elections, said he was aware of atrocities against Yugoslav partisans while he was allegedly an intelligence officer preparing daily battlefield reports in the Balkans. "I knew that," he said, "but I also knew that many German soldiers were trapped and executed in a similar way."

"It was a nasty, dirty confrontation, although I have to add immediately I was far away from those atrocities, and I just got the reports. I had to forward them, put them together, to forward to the high command. I have a clean conscience, that's why I'm very relaxed, very relaxed, although I tell you in an emotional way."

Despite Waldheim's assertions that he had no knowledge of the deportation of thousands of Jews from Salonika, the head of that Jewish community, Leon Bamajor, said in an interview in television commentary that it was a "monstrous lie that Waldheim did not know of the fate of the Jews of Salonika." The special documentary on Greek Jews during the war was broadcast in Rome earlier last week.

On April 24, 1943, said Bamajor, a Holocaust survivor, 3,000 Jews had to cross the entire city to the ghetto from where they were then deported. "Even the stones of Salonika knew of the drama of the Jews," he added. "Is it possible that Waldheim did not see the yellow stars on our chests, the Jewish cemetery destroyed by the Germans, the shops displaying Jewish property signs, and the Nazis storming into our homes?

Money, jewelry confiscated

"Even a simple soldier could have observed these things, even a simple German and Waldheim was much more. He was a secretary to the general of the Nazi troops stationed five kilometres from Salonika," Bamajor continued. "This lie conceals other things."

In a related development, the president of the Jewish community on the Greek island of Rhodes claims that Waldheim was one of three German officers who confiscated money, gold and jewelry from the island's Jews during World War II.

In an interview with Jean Cohen, Israel's Radio's Athens correspondent, 80-year-old Maurice Soriano said he did not know Waldheim's name at the time, but has since identified him positively.

He said that Waldheim and two other German wehrmacht officers came to the island with two empty suitcases, assembled all the local Jews in the central square of the main town and island capital on June 18, 1944, and ordered them to fill the cases with money, gold and jewelry. The officers then left.

Meanwhile, the World Jewish Congress reported that Waldheim was the signator of a secret wartime intelligence report on partisan activity in Greece which was later used by United States prosecuters at the Nuremberg war crimes trials.

The document, located at the National Archives in Washington, is one of a series of 11 captured reports issued at the headquarters of the high command of Heeresgrouppe E, the command in which Waldheim served as a senior intelligence officer with the rank of oberlieutenant, or first lieutenant.

The Waldheim document, dated Aug. 11, 1944, and stamped "secret," is the evening report of the intelligence section of the high command of Army Group E. It states: "Several Communists were shot during a raid in Athens." It also reports on "band activity" — the German expression for partisan operations south of Iraklien, on the Island of Crete.

The WJC asserted, in releasing the document, part of Nuremberg document NOKW-935, that it provides "extraordinary . . . corroboration" of conclusions reached last month by WJC researchers and in 1947 by the Yugoslav war crimes commission in a decision declaring Waldheim to be a "fugitive Nazi war criminal."

Fugitive Nazi war criminal

WJC's Singer cites lesson of Waldheim

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — The secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress says he is prepared to put his job on the line over his aggressive pursuit of Kurt Waldheim. Israel Singer told a Montreal audience last week that he has so far felt "very lonely" in his determination to expose the former United Nations secretary-general's Nazi past.

Some Jewish leaders, and even members of the WJC executive, have warned him that the strident attack on Waldheim is "maybe too much, may cause a backlash." Singer said in a lecture at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress.

"I stand ready to be removed from my position," said Singer. In fact, he has a sign in his New York office to the effect that if you don't risk the position you hold everyday, you don't deserve it.

Singer, who has been WJC secretary general for five years and executive director of its North American branch prior to that, said he does not care if Waldheim is put on trial or is really a war criminal. "I care that the world still cares, that someone remembers, that the process of denazification has worked."

The main point of the WJC's campaign against Waldheim is to shame the world with the realization that such a man could hold for 10 years "the highest human rights office in the world, an organization created from the ashes of World War II to protect people like us, and to make sure that the UN is never led by someone like him again."

Besides the moral lesson to be conveyed, Singer is incensed that Waldheim collects a pension from the UN of about $100,000 a year — a quarter of which is paid by the United States.

Singer said "the truth has to be told even at the expense of the Austrian Jews. I'm sorry for the (6,500) Jews who live there, but I didn't ask them to. They know where they are living." He added that he no longer speaks to the Austrian press because it "writes like Der Sturmer, it has not written one fair article."

Singer is so far disappointed by the silence of the world and other Jewish organizations on the information on Waldheim's wartime activities the WJC has made public. "Not one government, not one UN official, not one churchman has spoken up on the Waldheim affair."

Singer's personal efforts to find a sympathetic public figure have also failed. "Jimmy Carter turned me down flat. Andrew Young (former U.S. ambassador to the UN) has avoided me like I have AIDS."

He said it is the job of governments to take over the issue, to decide if Waldheim should be brought to justice. "I wonder how it is that the open files we have brought to light had never come to the notice of the great powers."

Singer is also disappointed that other Jewish organizations have not been more vocal on the Waldheim issue. "Evil has to be fought publicly, we have failed in the past fighting silently."

The Waldheim years at the UN were among the worst for Israel, said Singer, and Jewish organizations should have then done more than "wail about how ineffective" the UN was.

He said most Jews today, even though they live in democracies, are still gripped by the age-old fear of doing or saying anything that will upset their non-Jewish neighbors. Even the 50-year-old WJC, created to warn the world of the impending Holocaust, failed in its mission because its leaders' tactics were wrong.

"Our politics is the product of total subjection for 1,900 years.... We lived at the whim of our hosts and masters and our philosophy of life was to make meek representations, begging and even crawling to those to whom we are beholden."

Furthermore, said Singer, "we were wrong in the past — silence and compromise didn't work. Any repetition of 'sha-sha' politics today is bankruptcy."

Singer denied the issue was raised to coincide with Waldheim's seeking the Austrian presidency. "Even if Waldheim were dead we would be asking the same questions."

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Editorial

Glorious themes

As Jews the world over sit down to their seder on the evening of April 23 their thoughts will go back to those days of melancholy and light which punctuated the Israelite experience in Egypt.

Among the myriad themes which flood our consciouness during this festive season, three dominate: liberation, redemption and construction. The first refers to the actual release of the Israelites from bondage; the second pivots around the revelation of Sinai, and the third focuses on the efforts of the Israelites to build a national consciousness.

It should be noted, as Prof. Michael Goldberg does in his recent study of the exodus, that many generations of Jews did not live to witness the miracle of freedom. The exodus from Egypt guaranteed the perpetuation of the people as a corporate entity.

Those who were alive during those glorious moments were in a sense representatives of the past generations just as our generation viewing the State of Israel represents the hopes and dreams of so many who never saw the prayer for national rebirth actualized.

According to the Torah the exodus from Egypt was attended with great rushing. The future expectation required the Israelites to be ready at a moment's call to move forward. This was true before the actual departure; it was true during the desert trek. For Prof. Goldberg this suggests that Jews in all generations must always be ready to move, "marching forward in its supreme commander's service, forever on the lookout for the promised triumph that may come at any moment."

The third theme in the Passover celebration is the ever-present need to confront adversity. The Israelites were able with the help of the divine to overcome the evil of Egypt. But evil in general has not been eradicated from the world. "Doubtless some other Pharaoh will arise, and some other manifestation of oppressive hardheartedness will reappear."

What Passover tells us, however, is that there is evidence from Jewish history "that a happy ending to that history is a live option after all."

Jewish journalism

We note with interest a new program in Jewish journalism being offered jointly by three different institutions in Baltimore, Md.

The program, a combined Master's degree in journalism and Jewish studies, is being offered by Baltimore Hebrew College, Towson State University and the Baltimore Jewish Times.

The program will be administered by the Baltimore Center for Jewish Journalism and will be directed at men and women seeking editorial careers in the field of Jewish journalism.

A unique feature of this graduate program will see students combining academic training in a broad range of Jewish subjects, the writing disciplines and an internship stint with Jewish newspapers in the Baltimore and Washington areas.

Students in the new MA program will be taking a number of solid Jewish studies courses in subjects ranging from Mideast politics to the sociology of the modern Jewish community.

At Towson State University emphasis will be on news and feature writing, rhetoric and style, editing, production layout and design, the social responsibility of the writer and journal management.

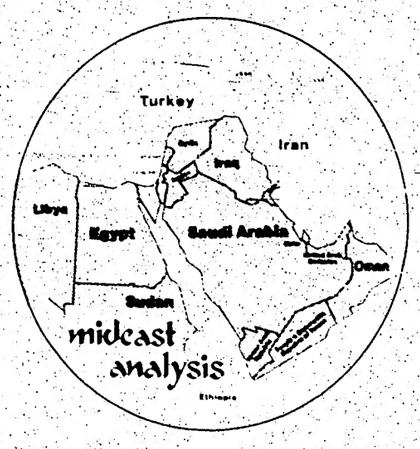
The creation of this degree program in Jewish journalism comes in response to a burgeoning Jewish press in North America. Its needs are broader than the general press since knowledge of Jewish affairs is indispensable for the informed reporter and journalist. Since the Jewish community has become increasingly sophisticated, says one of the deans to be involved in the program "we feel there is a need for an equally sophisticated Jewish press."

While we laud the launching of the new professional degree in Jewish journalism we trust that its supporters will not be oblivious to the fact that some of the best journalists in the general press and in the Jewish press did not formally undertake journalism studies.

The new program is nonetheless happy news for the Jewish newspaper community.

More bloodshed inevitable

Shiite-Palestinian hatreds last



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For nearly the past 12 months, the Shiites and Palestinians of Lebanon have been locked in mortal battle. The fighting, which began as the Israeli army prepared to withdraw from southern Lebanon, resumed last week after an ever so brief period of calm.

The animosity between the Shiite Moslems and the Palestinians flared into violence last May after Amal, the main Shiite militia, attempted to seize three Palestinian refugee camps in the vicinity of Beirut — Sabra, Shatila and Burj al-Brajneh.

Before a Syrian-sponsored ceasefire went into effect six weeks later, 625 people had been killed and 2,600 wounded. The truce, however, did not settle the problem. In September and October, Shiite and Palestinian fighters were at it again. And then in January, Shiite and Palestinian fighters took to the streets once more.

Toward the end of March, there was a resumption of inter-communal warfare as Amal laid siege to Sabra and Shatila, the scene of a 1982 massacre of Palestinians by pro-Israeli Lebanese Christians. By last week, following savage house-to-house fighting which resulted in some 50 deaths, a measure of tranquility descended on Sabra and Shatila.

Observers doubt whether it will last. Such is the seriousness of the Shiite-Palestinian quarrel that more bloodshed is inevitable.

The seeds of the tension, a function of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the breakdown of law and order in Lebanon, were planted in the wake of the 1967 Six Day War.

Israel's conquest of the West Bank sent tens of thousands of Palestinians fleeing into Jordan and aroused Palestinian nationalism. Within months of Israel's smashing victory, Palestinian guerrillas were staging raids on Jewish settlements in the Jordan Valley, prompting Israeli retaliation.

Jordan, which had been sucked into the Six Day War, had no interest in confronting Israel militarily and feared that the armed Palestinian presence on its soil was getting out of hand. King Hussein's Arab Legion, in 1970 and 1971, drove the PLO out of Jordan. The PLO, in turn, reestablished its bases in Lebanon.

From Lebanon, the resurgent PLO harassed Israel by attacking settlements in the Galilee. Israel responded with air and land assaults. Lebanon became the new theatre of war in the Middle East.

The cycle of violence, which caused much suffering in Lebanon, destabilized a nation which had tried to hold itself aloof from the acrimony of the Arab-Israeli dispute. The chief victims of the strife were not the Christians, who still deeply resent Palestinian meddling in Lebanese affairs, nor even the Palestinians themselves, but the Shiites.

It was they who bore the brunt of Israel's retaliatory policy, since they comprised the majority of the population of southern Lebanon, the target of most Israeli attacks. Although the Shiites basically sympathized with the Palestinians as a dispossessed people, they soon turned against them because their interests were being undermined by the PLO. The Lebanese government, stung by a recent civil war, stood by helplessly.

In the months prior to Israel's 1982 invasion, Shiites and Palestinians clashed repeatedly in the south. It therefore came as no surprise that Amal remained neutral as the Israeli army swept into southern Lebanon on June 6. Amal was pleased that the Israelis had evicted the PLO from their territory.

When it became clear that Israel would not withdraw so soon from southern Lebanon, Israel's delicate relationship with the Shiites soured. The situation worsened still more when a loose alliance of Syrian-backed Lebanese and Palestinians joined forces to attack Israeli forces occupying Lebanon. As a result, Israel tightened security and increased its patrols. The Shiites bore the burden of the resultant turmoil.

Shiite Amal fighters battle Palestinians in Beirut. [AP photo]

But this time around, the Shiite militants regarded Israel, not the PLO, as the enemy. Shiite militias, notably Amal and the Islamic fundamentalist Party of God, joined the Communist Party, the Syrian Social Nationalist Party and the PLO in harassing the Israeli army. Israel, unable to accept the mounting casualties, started its phased withdrawal from Lebanon.

There has since been a significant reduction of Shiite fury against Israel. But the Shiites, particularly the militant and violently anti-Israeli Party of God, resent the fact that Israel keeps a token force of troops in the compact security zone it has created in southern Lebanon adjacent its border. Shiite assaults against the South Lebanon Army, which is financed and trained by Israel, are bound to continue in the security zone. But Amal and even the Party of God, mindful of what transpired in the past, have not launched military operations against Israel.

On more than one occasion, the Shiites have been warned by Israel that their homes will be destroyed and their crops will be razed if they permit the area immediately north of the security zone to be taken over by the PLO.

Naibih Berri, the Amal leader and Lebanese cabinet minister who is responsible for the south, has taken Israel's warnings to heart in the aftermath of reports that the PLO is sending personnel and weapons back to southern Lebanon.

Amal, in the 10 months since Israel's all but total withdrawal from Lebanon, has adopted a tough, uncompromising position toward the PLO. And Syria, Israel's chief military foe, is, ironically enough, helping Amal.

Berri, though paying lip service to the Palestinian cause and threatening Israel with katyusha attacks unless it withdraws *all* its soldiers from Lebanon, has told the PLO that Amal "cannot return to a situation like the one before 1982."

And Mahmud Fakih, Amal's senior political official in southern Lebanon, has warned Palestinians not to "play into Israel's hands" by firing missiles into Israel. "The enemy wants us to fire missiles... so that our villages will again become a target for daily shelling," he was quoted as saying by the Beirut newspaper An-Nahar.

Amal is poised against the Palestinians not only because they threaten to engulf Shiite villagers, but because it fears that a resurgence of Palestinian power will cut into Shiite influence throughout Lebanon.

For years, the Shiites — the largest ethnic community in Lebanon — have been politically and economically deprived, and only of late have they begun to assert themselves in the Lebanese body politic. They fear that the Palestinians may tilt the balance of power away from them if they grow too strong, and this, in part, is why Amal has confronted the PLO in Palestinian camps like Sabra and Shatila.

Syria, the dominant external force in Lebanon, supports Amal for purely selfish reasons. The Syrians, who consider Lebanon their strategic backyard, want to bring stability to that country by reconciling its warring Christian, Druze and Moslem elements. They probably could not do so if the Palestinians were as strong now as they were in the pre-1982 period. In line with this reasoning, Syria has supplied Amal with 50 Soviet T-54 tanks.

Syria, too, is afraid that unilateral PLO raids against Israel from Lebanese bases might drag it into an unwanted war before it achieve its goal of military parity with the Jewish state.

Finally, Syria is not displeased when Amal hits Palestinian forces loyal to its nemesis, Yasser Arafat.

Syria's pro-Shiite policy has drawn harsh criticism. Libya, its ally, has threatened to withdraw its diplomats from Damascus if Amal continues to attack the Palestinians. Furthermore, Libya, in another sign of displeasure, has expelled 20,000 Syrian guest workers.

Palestinians opposed to Arafat's leadership have also excoriated Syria's role in Lebanon, and have even gone to his aid. Despite these reverberations, Syria shows no signs of changing its policy.

As long as the Palestinians are harassed by the Shiites, the Christians and Israel and Syria, they cannot even hope to regain their old elan in Lebanon.

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Opinion

Soviets do as they please with mail to Refuseniks

By
RON CSILLAG

The hue and cry continues to go up from well-meaning North American Jews, to the effect that mail to Refuseniks — often their only link to a sane world — is being confiscated, opened and censored, signed for by postal employees and generally flouted in the face of international law.

B'nai B'rith Canada, the U.S.-based Union of Council for Soviet Jews, various student groups and dozens of private individuals have all met with varying degrees of frustration in trying to communicate with Refuseniks by mail.

B'nai B'rith, for example, has taken up the cause of Vladimir Lifshitz, a 44-year-old Refusenik recently sentenced to three years imprisonment for anti-Soviet slander.

Because the special return cards of registered letters to Lifshitz were being signed by Soviet postal employees instead of by Lifshitz, BB says the Soviet Union has violated international postal conventions and it has lodged appropriate complaints with MPs, External Affairs and the Soviet ambassador to Canada.

Toronto lawyer Bert Raphael, who heads the Canadian Committee of Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry, is angry enough to sue the Soviet Union. Last year, Raphael's group sent about 70 Chanukah greetings to Refuseniks, Prisoners of Conscience and dissidents. Not one was acknowledged received by special return notices and since they each cost about $2.50 to send by registered mail, the group wants its money back.

Mail is seen as the easiest and cheapest way to communicate with Refuseniks, who ache for any contact with the West. Telephone calls, not only expensive, are unreliable when dialing the antiquated Soviet system and many Refuseniks have lost their telephone privileges, assuming they had phones to begin with.

But sending mail to people the Soviet Union considers social lepers is not as easy as it seems.

The Canadian Jewish News sent a list of questions to Canada Post concerning mail to the USSR and the answers may come as a surprise to many.

While groups like the Union of Council for Soviet Jews say the Soviets "are no longer concerned with maintaining the facade of complying with international postal agreements," Canada Post admits the Soviet Union has *never* been formally found to have violated international mail covenants.

The Soviet Union and most of the world's nations are members of the Universal Postal Union, a Geneva-based agency of the United Nations that aims to promote cooperation in the exchange of mail. But the UPU has wide-ranging agreements that leave signatory nations with sweeping discretionary powers.

To be sure, the Soviets open mail, confiscate letters and parcels and on occasion, simply do not deliver mail. They can use Refuseniks' letters abroad to harass and intimidate them. But, like it or not, Canada Post says, there's not much that can be done about it.

For example, in allowing their postal employees to sign for someone else's mail, as in the case of Lifshitz, the Soviets are not contravening the International Postal Covenant, Canada Post says.

Ironically, the directives stating that postal employees may sign for someone else's mail or leave the return cards blank were discovered by Lifshitz after he had his letters traced.

Ultimately, Lifshitz's mail ended up in the hands of the KGB and was used as evidence in his trial.

Almost everyone who has written Refuseniks by registered mail has complained of not getting back the Advice of Receipt (AR) cards or of seeing a strange signature on them. But Canada Post says AR cards are optional and may be signed by an official of the office of destination if "every reasonable attempt to secure the addressee's signature" is made.

When the Soviets confiscated Lifshitz's letters, they cited certain provisions of the International Postal Covenant as legal grounds. These make reference to "forbidden enclosures" in letters. Lifshitz assumed they meant references to his son's being kept from attending the Leningrad Institute of Fine Mechanics, despite his qualifications. He was probably right, but forbidden enclosures strictly mean metal fasteners, like paper clips or staples that may poke through, or anything that bulges conspicuously from an envelope. In any event, the rule is a convenient one for the Soviets to hide behind and, says Canada Post, leaves almost complete discretion to nations regarding what leaves or arrives by mail.

The rules governing mail to the Soviet Union read like a cross between a shopping list and a bad novel. The following are examples of what the Soviets allow to be mailed:

- ☐ spices of all kinds — 100 g
- ☐ shirts and blouses — one of each
- ☐ gloves — one pair
- ☐ footwear — two pairs
- ☐ perfumes and cosmetics — 500 g or one set
- ☐ soap — 2 kg
- ☐ pencils/pens — five items or one set
- ☐ printed matter — one item of each type
- ☐ children's toys and games — two items
- ☐ chewing gum — 200 g
- ☐ tobacco — 1 kg

Now the items the Soviets prohibit to be mailed:

- ☐ military firearms
- ☐ exposed rolls of film, negatives, photographs
- ☐ records, tapes
- ☐ drawings, prints or sculpted products "which may cause political or economic prejudice to the country."
- ☐ seeds
- ☐ cancelled or uncancelled stamps
- ☐ Soviet and foreign currency or checks
- ☐ literature of a religious nature
- ☐ thread
- ☐ vitamins
- ☐ fashion catalogues

In other words, you can send tobacco but not thread; spices but not a Sears catalogue.

There is ample evidence to suggest the Soviets regularly open mail and censor it. Because UPU member countries have virtually a free hand to make their own internal postal rules, even that is not a violation, according to Canada Post.

It is also true the Soviets have stopped accepting prepaid parcels and when that was discovered, the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry reacted with outrage. But the group's anger was misdirected because even that action by the Soviets does not constitute a violation of international rules, states Canada Post.

And when someone in Canada files a grievance if a letter does not reach its addressee, an unbelievably complex chain of events begins, which could take many months to resolve.

The bottom-line is this: the Soviets, like every other nation, make their own postal rules, however stifling. Even at the last meeting of the UPU in Hamburg in 1984, there was no formal attempt to censure the Soviets for their postal practices.

"The difficulties created for Canadian mailers" to the USSR, admits Canada Post, "are understood. The best course for these mailers is to closely follow the many rules laid down by Soviet authorities."

In other words, if you are corresponding with someone in the Soviet Union, especially if it's with a Refusenik, you must play by the Soviet rules, like them or not.

Simcha Holtzberg, Israel's "father of the wounded," thinks he must have a least 200 "grandchildren" born to his disabled soldiers and their wives. Above he holds his latest addition — the newly born baby girl of Boaz and Lily Taviv.

Helping Israel's disabled soldiers

"Father of wounded" ever devoted

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —

Although most people are aware of Israel's military involvement, they generally give less thought to the human costs — what happens to the thousands of young men who have been seriously wounded in the country's wars.

Teamwork is the key to Israel's rehabilitation program in helping disabled soldiers return to normal life, says a recent article in the Israel Defence Forces Journal. The ministry of defence works with the hospitals, which supervise such institutions as Beit Halochem, the sport, rehabilitation and social centre for disabled soldiers, which in turn is supported by the ministry.

IDF "casualty officers" cooperate with all these institutions; volunteers contribute that extra human dimension, which can be crucial in rehabilitating a disabled soldier.

In adopting an integrated approach, Israel has learned from the experience of other countries, Arye Issarof, deputy director of the defence ministry's rehabilitation division, told the IDF Journal. "We have learned from their mistakes as well as from their successes." Israel has also learned the hard way. In nearly four decades of intermittent war — not to mention the armed conflicts of pre-state days — the country has acquired nearly 48,000 disabled veterans.

In an army the size of the IDF, which carries out security duties and frequent maneuvers, the casualties from training and road accidents outnumber even the war wounded.

Despite the rehabilitation division, the casualty officers, the hospitals, doctors, families and Beit Halochem, there are always some disabled who need that little bit extra, a spoonful of love and care. There are many volunteers who help to provide this; but none so devotedly as Simcha Holtzberg, "the father of the wounded."

Holtzberg is neither a doctor nor does he have a medical background. What he does have, are memories of his internment in Auschwitz following his participation in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. He was in the death cell at Bergen Belsen and when it was liberated Holtzberg only weighed 55 pounds.

Arriving in Israel, he joined the Engineers Corps in which he served during the 1967 Six Day War.

Step into Holtzberg's crowded Tel Aviv apartment, where the phone and the doorbell never stops ringing and you find a squat, elderly, balding man wearing a skullcap. An antique dealer until the 1967 war, he has since become a 1-man welfare agency for the wounded.

He decided to dedicate his energies to disabled soldiers as a result of a chance visit to Hadassah Hospital where he met Rabbi Arye Levin who was working with a group of wounded. Holtzberg was struck by the joy in their faces in having someone interested in spending time and communicating with them.

The start was not simple. It began in earnest when Holtzberg was riding in a bus one day and sitting next to him was a young man who had obviously been through a major explosion, no hands, almost blind, and a warped body, but worse, no spirit.

He took the young man to his Tel Aviv apartment, spoke to him, and somehow revived the desire to live.

Somehow, I too became involved with Holtzberg — actually, he asked me to witness the meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton of Elizabeth Taylor and a group of almost 100 war wounded. Among the wounded was Boaz Taviv who had been gravely wounded in the Lebanon War and had undergone dozens of operations. He had no hands and severe facial injuries.

Last year, Holtzberg arranged Boaz's wedding — again at the Tel Aviv Hilton — and just recently, we again met at the hotel to celebrate the birth of a girl to Boaz and his lovely wife Lily.

Since then I have been witness to the greatness of Holtzberg's devotion and dedication to the wounded. A "lost" boy who was without legs, married to a girl affected by polio. Holtzberg arranged for the brit of their two babies at the Hilton — they actually had triplets.

A great deal of the work of "the father of the wounded" involves the happy times of the disabled and their families — the marriages and the births — and credit must go to the Hilton which has donated facilities for Simcha Holtzberg and his simchas.

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Back at his apartment, a casualty officer comes in and leaves with a watch for a needy wounded soldier. The next arrival is a driver from the Israel Aircraft Industries. The IAI has provided a vehicle and driver one day a week.

Today, Holtzberg is off to visit Tel Hashomer, Rambam Hospital in Haifa, and the centre for very serious cases in Beith Levinstein. "I have partners — not donors," he replies to the query of where all the money comes from.

Holtzberg has a prayer to have the strength to work and live until he is 100 — he is now only 60.

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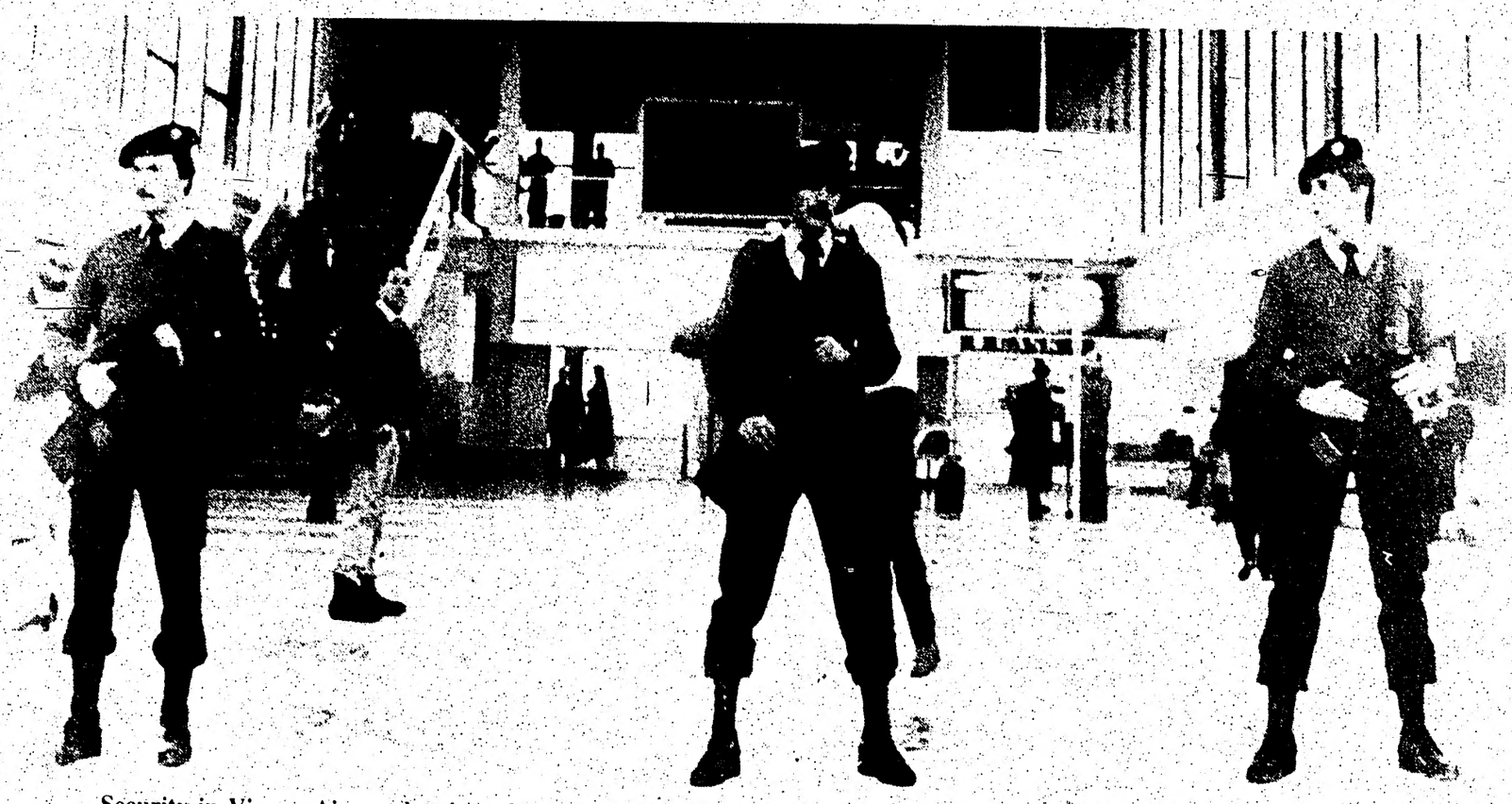
Opinion

Will U.S. force help defeat scourge of terrorism?

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER



Security in Vienna Airport has been beefed up since last year's terrorist attack. [Religious News Service photo]

International terrorism, the bane of modern civilization, has reached crisis proportions of late.

Last week's spectacular air bombardment of Libyan military bases by the U.S. Air Force, launched to avenge attacks against American targets by Libyan agents and to preempt further such assaults, is ample proof that terrorism is out of control.

In the last decade, worldwide terrorist incidents have doubled, to slightly over 800 in 1985, and all indications are that it will grow rather than diminish in the future.

The past year was a particularly bad one.

In one month alone, June, a bomb ripped through Frankfurt Airport, killing 3 and wounding 42; an Air India plane with more than 300 Canadians aboard exploded in mid-air and crashed into the North Sea, and Lebanese Shiites took over a TWA jet and beat to death a U.S. Navy diver.

In October, Palestinians hijacked the Italian cruise liner, Achille Lauro, and murdered Leon Klinghoffer, an ailing, elderly American Jew. As 1985 wound down, terrorists commandeered an EgyptAir jet and forced it to land on Malta. Egyptian commandos liquidated the Arab hijackers, but their operation cost the lives of 59 passengers, two of whom were Canadians.

In the waning days of December, teams of Palestinian terrorists tossed hand grenades and sprayed gunfire into holiday crowds at airports in Rome and Vienna. Twenty people, including five Americans, were killed.

All told, 926 people fell victim to international terrorism in 1985, hundreds more than in any other year since the U.S. government began keeping statistics in 1968.

And 1986 may yet be another banner year for terrorism.

With the year barely three months old, a bomb tore a gaping hole in a TWA airliner, sucking four Americans, including an infant, to their deaths at 15,000 feet. If the plane had been flying at an altitude of 25,000 feet, it would have disintegrated in the air.

Two weeks ago, in a West Berlin nightclub frequented by U.S. servicemen, a bomb went off and snuffed out the lives of two people and wounded more than 200.

At the rate bombs are being detonated by terrorists, one can be forgiven for asking: What's next?

The prognosis is grim.

According to a recent survey conducted by the Associated Press, terrorists will become more indiscriminate and attack "softer" targets like innocent civilians as governments strengthen defences of embassies and official installations.

And they will probably attack computer systems, power girds and other key links of industrial society.

Although terrorism transcends national boundaries and ethnicity, a disproportionate number of terrorist acts today are being carried out by Arabs.

And, in general, Israel and the U.S. are usually the objects of their wrath.

In the considered opinion of American and Israeli authorities, Libya, Syria and Iran are the primary countries training and sponsoring terrorism (although the Soviet Union, to some extent, shares that dubious distinction). Last year, President Ronald Reagan spoke of a "confederation of terrorist states" and included all three on his list.

But to the Reagan administration, Muammar Qadaffi's Libya is the arch culprit, "in part because he's more brazen than others," says Michael Armacost, the U.S. under secretary of state for political affairs.

The U.S. holds Libya responsible for last year's Rome and Vienna outrages and blames it for the recent bombing in West Berlin.

The Americans also believe that Libya has tried to undermine the governments of Egypt, Tunisia, Sudan and Chad. Furthermore, they think that Qadaffi has provided a sanctuary for Abu Nidal, the notorious — and elusive — Palestinian who apparently planned the airport raids in Rome and Vienna.

In an effort to isolate Qadaffi, the U.S. has resorted to both economic and military means. Washington has imposed economic sanctions on Libya and frozen Libyan assets in American banks and corporations. Sanctions, however, have not had an inhibiting effect on Qadaffi, who is truly a wild card in international relations. There are two problems. Washington's European allies, which maintain good trading relations with Libya, have not cooperated. U.S. companies, particularly smaller ones, have an important presence in Libya and have thereby diluted the sanctions.

In addition, the Reagan administration has flexed its muscles in its continuing confrontation with Libya. Before last week's U.S. raid on Tripoli and Benghazi, the Sixth Fleet steamed into the Gulf of Sidra and sank two Libyan naval boats. The exercise was meant to underline the U.S. view that the gulf is in international waters, and to deter Libya from carrying out more acts of terrorism.

The question is: Has the U.S. cowed Libya? Commentators are not so sure. The feeling is that Qadaffi may have gained badly needed prestige throughout the Third World by standing up to the imperial might of America.

Moreover, no serious analyst really believes that American military force will really intimidate Qadaffi.

As adverse Arab reaction to the latest American action against Libya proved, pro-American Arab regimes in the region are squeamish about subverting Libya through military means. And recently, The Washington Post reported that Egypt, the recipient of billions of dollars worth of U.S. aid, rejected an American scheme for a joint assault on Libya. Eight months in the planning, the purported plot called for Egypt to attack Libya on the ground and then to ask the U.S. for assistance, in the hope that Qadaffi would be toppled.

As troublesome as Qadaffi is to the Americans, he is not the only thorn in their side in the Middle East. Radicalized Palestinian Arabs, embittered by Israel's existence and territorial expansion, and angered by American support of the Jewish state, have taken their fight to the four corners of the world.

This is easily explainable.

Until the Six Day War, Palestinians confined their attacks to Middle Eastern targets. In the wake of the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict, Palestinian guerrillas/terrorists operated out of bases in Jordan. But when King Hussein drove the PLO out of his desert kingdom, he deprived the Palestinians of a vital launching pad for attacks on Israel. The PLO moved to Lebanon, but something else happened as well.

Small bands of extremist Palestinians, anxious to continue their armed struggle against Zionism and imperialism, expanded their operations. In 1968, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by George Habash, hijacked an El Al plane, diverting it to Algeria. In 1972, Palestinians perpetrated the Munich massacre. The list goes on and on. By their actions, the Palestinians became the "godfathers" of terrorism in Europe and elsewhere.

Another turning point in the mounting chronicle of Palestinian terrorism occurred in 1974, when the PLO adopted diplomacy as one means by which to achieve its overall goals. Hardliners in PLO ranks, such as Abu Nidal, vehemently rejected Yasser Arafat's approach and went their own way.

Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon also galvanized the Palestinians. Ousted from Lebanon and scattered among 12 Arab countries, Palestinians grew disillusioned with Arafat's leadership, which, in Palestinian terms, is fairly moderate.

There are additional factors explaining why more and more Palestinians are becoming radicalized and turning to international terrorism.

•Jordan and the Arafat wing of the PLO have, for the second time in three years, failed to coordinate their policies in the search for an equitable political settlement.

•Israel is tightening its control of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, home to 1.5 million Palestinians and, in some Palestinian eyes, the projected locale of a Palestinian state. Israel is also stronger militarily, while its alliance with the U.S. is more intimate than ever.

•The decline in Arab oil revenues, which has sent the price per barrel to as low as $10 lately, has increased unemployment among Palestinians and impoverished Palestinian refugee families which have depended on income from relatives working in the Persian Gulf.

•The U.S. has reduced contributions to the United Nations relief agency which supplies food, education and other services to Palestinians.

In the face of this situation, younger Palestinians who see no light at the end of the tunnel have been joining terrorist groups in droves: The only survivor of the Palestinian team which wreaked devastation in Rome last year was 19 years old. Two of the four Palestinians who hijacked the Achille Lauro were teenagers as well.

Israel's policy in combating terrorism, which stresses biblical-style retribution, is well documented.

Until two months ago, when the Sixth Fleet attacked Libya, the U.S. position relied more on rhetoric than action.

Ronald Reagan launched his presidency in 1981 by promising a campaign against international terrorism. Alexander Haig, then his secretary of state, said at his first press conference that international terrorism would replace human rights as the U.S.' top priority in foreign policy.

In practice, the Americans have had a singular lack of success in terms of punishing terrorists: They do not have extradition treaties with many Middle Eastern nations; they are stymied by the refusal of some countries to extradite a terrorist if he or she committed a "political" crime; they are hampered by countries that actually support terrorism and give haven to terrorists; they have trouble securing indictments against terrorists, given the usually sketchy information at hand; they themselves have been divided over the wisdom of reacting forcefully to terrorist provocations.

Secretary of State George Shultz has favored force when necessary, but Vice-President George Bush and Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger have had grave reservations about it.

Nevertheless, the U.S., in a crunch, has resorted to force. The two raids on Libya since March show how resolute the Reagan administration can be.

So, contrary to some conventional wisdom, the Americans are not as impotent as their enemies would like to believe. Yet it is clear that, even with all the resources at their disposal, they cannot root out the scourge of international terrorism. They may bomb Qadaffi again and again, but can they eliminate the ideas which animate him? The problem goes even deeper.

Democracies, which are most vulnerable to terrorism, are traditionally reluctant to apply harsh methods to combat international terrorism.

So terrorists like Qadaffi, while they may be bloodied on occasion, will not disappear.

No awards, no tributes, only results

By
ELAINE KAHN

At a meeting not so long ago, as long meetings go, your revered friend, J. B. Salsberg, told those assembled about the terrible pressure he is under as a columnist to write about specific groups in the community. Bravely, he declines — for fear he would never be able to fit in anything else.

I too have felt this pressure. If it's not the Society for the Preservation of Russian-style Kasha calling, it's the Group to Legitimize Israeli Phone Service or Canadian Friends of Large Print Benchers for the Judaicly Impaired. I'm telling you, it's a rat race out there.

However, I am forced to break JB's eminently sensible rule of tam and single out one community organization for special mention today: my own UJA division.

Well, it's not exactly mine — that would wrongly imply that I control its life, rather than the other way around. And it's not really a division — Business and Professional women don't divide, they Network. Soon, I'm sure, someone will tell them why.

Toronto's UJA B- and P-ers, as they inelegantly refer to themselves, made history late on the evening of March 26 in a small room of Toronto's nerve centre, the Lipa Green Building. Modesty has prevented these heroic women from publicizing this event heretofore. I have no such modesty, as has been noted before, especially in Oshawa.

What was the momentous occasion you may well by now, several paragraphs in, be asking? Simply (ah, how inadequate a word, but how chic) this: on that fateful night, the B and P executive voted unanimously against giving out special awards to members who render outstanding service in the upcoming UJA campaign.

I was stunned. Never in the history of the Jewish world have people willingly decided against using plaques, certificates, tribal dinners or bronzed oven mitts as a goad to top communal performance. Yea, verify, it is written in a little-known midrash that the golden calf was in reality meant as surprise tribute to tell Moses he'd done good going up that big mountain alone to canvass The Big One.

I have to admit I also voted against giving out the awards — after all, I'd never get one. My heart's in the right place and I did actually canvass in last year's campaign, but, to be kind, strong men crumble like halvah at the thought of assigning me more than a $5 card.

Still, I'm disappointed. I'm a longtime "joiner," always forming clubs with my little friends, in which we would have a secret password, club colors, national bird — the works. I only joined B and P because I'd heard they gave out nifty decoder rings.

And now, nothing. My B and P friends and I are expected to spend the next eight months working our little networks off without so much as a fake diamond stickpin.

And we will!

Opinion

Seder remains mighty force for Jewish continuity

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Hearken to me, my dearly beloved and highly esteemed readers: On this Passover eve (when this issue of the paper is due to appear) ignore all the opinions of the professional Bible critics and pay no attention to what certain "modern" historians of antiquity may want to say about the origin of the Jewish nation. Turn your backs on them.

J.B. Salsberg

Instead, join us in our worldwide Jewish linkage of hands and become as one with all of us who gather at millions of festive family tables to joyously celebrate the liberation from Egyptian slavery of our early ancestors and, thus, the real beginning of our emergence as a national entity — the birth of the Jewish nation.

Do I have to tell you, my well-informed friends, that Passover (Pesach, that is, and not "Easter") is the happiest and the most anticipated of all holidays in the Jewish calendar? Of course I don't. You know it as well as I do. But, with due respect for those among us whose emphasis for our uninterrupted existence may not coincide with mine in every respect, I venture to suggest that the continuous celebration of Pesach for more than 3,000 years was a mighty factor in the shaping and extending of our national existence.

Another thought I should like to develop on this year's Pesach eve is that the celebration of Passover, and especially the observance of the traditional seder (the order, the arrangement of the seder ceremonial table around which the entire family and guests are seated) and the lusty singing of the time-honored haggadah (the seder text) songs are more important, as a national identification factor, now than ever before in our history.

Why do I think so? Because, to put it roughly, for a millenium of years (and more) Jews, except for those who deserted, were forced by the unfriendly religious majority that surrounded them, to live as isolated and inwardly-stanced religious societies. The attitude of the majority society towards us varied from formal tolerance, at best, to unfriendly opposition and, at worst, to violent hostility, expulsions and massacres.

Social and political factors, as well as the whims and avarice of the despotic rulers and the fanatical native religious leaders, resulted in the many inhuman treatments of the Jewish minorities in many lands.

We were, for a very long period, a beleaguered people, an isolated society that fashioned its internal loyalties and responsibilities to further its survival. Only the weakest and the unprincipled deserted.

Today, in the post-Holocaust era, the majority of world Jewry (with the painful exception of the Soviet Union), live in what is generally referred to as the Western world. Of course the western democracies — Western Europe, North America, Australia etc. — are not absolute democracies but, by and large, those areas have eliminated or have considerably reduced the barriers that once kept the Jewish minorities in their midst restricted and isolated from the rest of society. We are in the midst of a mainly secular era that Jews never experienced before.

This development has created new challenges to Jewish continuity. In the secular environment Jews are not asked, nor are they inclined, to accept the dominant religions (mainly Christian) in the countries they live in and in which they enjoy social and political opportunities never experienced before. But, in this new environment all too many members of Jewish society just float away from their historic moorings and disappear into the secular majority society that surrounds them.

To be sure, the Jewish religious factor is a forceful cementing element in the ongoing efforts for Jewish survival. But genuine faith can not be decreed and modern Jewry is more than a religious entity; it is a peoplehood with varied characterizations. Besides, this is neither the time nor the place to deal with this monumental issue.

What I mainly want to suggest is: that in the real world that we live in Pesach, the celebration of our liberation; Pesach, that has become the happiest season of the Jewish year; Pesach that comes in the spring of the seasons; Pesach and its seder, that has become the outstanding occasion for the joyous gathering of families and friends, also serves as a living link with our past as well as with our present and, hopefully, also with our future.

All, providing it is not limited to kneidlach (matzoh balls) and other Passover dishes but includes fully the retelling of the old story of the exodus and that in the retelling every, but every member at the seder table, including the young, the younger and the youngest actively participate.

Our family Pesach seders (we observe both nights) are as joyous as they are inspirational. All the living children of my parents — Avromele and Sureh Gitle Salsberg — and their children and their children's children gather (even from afar) for the family seder.

Around the ever-expanding seder table one can find every type of Jewish identification, but the conduct of the seder is in the tradition of the family, of our parents.

The collective singing of the old tunes is truly inspirational. And no musical ensemble in the world can compare with the lusty, hearty, singing (from the oldest to the youngest) of the traditional ballad, Chad Gadiyah (One Kid — one young little goat), that climaxes the conclusion of the seder.

The youngsters extend the last chord of the song for a few minutes, as if unwilling to let the inspirational climax to come to an end.

I often wonder whether our seder is not the greatest link that binds the generations around the table to our past and future. A gooten yom tov! Chag Sameyach!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons of institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signature.

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FYX OUR SPELLING SISTEM!

Deer editor. Pleez publish this letter from me, the president of the Simplified Spelling Society Ov Canada (57 Walmsley Blvd., Toronto M4V 1X7).

I urj yur CJN readers tu join us by becoming a silent member (no fee), or a very vocal member (no fee). We need members, leeders and donations if possibel.

Yu alredy kno that our spelling iz a chaotic mess, and yu hav red about the hi level ov illiterasy in Canada.

However, du yu realize that most ov this illiterasy iz du tu the irrasionality ov our English speling? Ther ar 5 million *eductaed*, adult Canadeans who ar illiterat, with 60 mjlion illiterat adults in the U.S.A.!

In eech anglofonic cuntry, ther ar millions ov citizens who can not reed and rite the langwaje that they speek!

Our spelling desperatly needs tu be simplified, reformed, and rasionalized. It iz inevitabel that this reformasion will occur. The suner, the better.

Unfortunatly, our current speling iz such a retardant, regressiv, repulsiv, outrajusly erratic, shockingly inefisient, egreejusly injustice, injureus, inferior, irrasional, and disgusting mess that it can not be reformed in one step.

It must be simplified and rasionalized in several fazes.

Let's uze Faze 1 now!

Ted Culp
Toronto

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UNPEACEFUL "PEACE NOW"

I would be obliged if my response to the letters of Dr. David Mendelsohn (March 27, "Profs are Israeli's friends") and Prof. Michael Marrus (April 3, "Bromides with tea") were published.

I challenged their Peace Now predictions of dire consequences resulting from the Israel occupation of the West Bank.

I suggest they read Carl Alpert's March 27 article in The CJN, headed "Statistics belie accusation against Israelis on West Bank." It clearly shows "amazing improvement in almost every aspect of life for the Arabs in Judea and Samaria, evidence of what may perhaps be the most benevolent occupation in history."

I confess to being distraught, as accused, and suggest replacing the predictions of "dire consequences" and "I told you so" of Peace Now, which I strongly contend are counterproductive, with a prescription not for a bromide but rather a faith, hope, optimistic, mood-elevating attitude. This would help Israel, and might be effective in overcoming such hatemongering pro-PLO articles currently in the Globe and Mail and Canadian press.

If, as Dr. Mendelsohn states, "all shades of opinion must be respected and allowed to be heard," and if Peace Now is interested in peace and love of people, how would they explain the poison-pen, unstamped, unsigned, threatening letter I received from one of them?

The Peace Now letter begins by calling me "fascist, chazer, mamzer, shmuk. . . ."

If as Dr. Mendelsohn states, the profs are not only "friends of Israel but are Israel," then I'd like to transpose philosopher R. W. Emerson and state: "What you say speaks so loudly that I cannot accept what you are."

Dr. Max Glassman
Toronto

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Author Morley Torgov . . . He hopes his next photo appearance in The CJN will exhibit him as an 8-month-old baby lying nude on a white bear rug.

WHY NOT MY NUDE PHOTO?

Many thanks for Sheldon Kirshner's recent article on me and the adaptation of my humorous stories for New York stage productions.

The fairness and accuracy in his reporting were in keeping with your customary high standards of journalism. But, frankly, what impressed me most was your ability to make me look 12 years younger and beardless.

It was charitable of you, to say the least, to use a photograph taken when I ~~was~~ in my salad days.

Next time you do a piece on me, (if there is a next time) I intend to furnish you with a positively adorable picture of me taken when I was 8 months old, lying nude on a white bear rug.

Morley Torgov
Toronto

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KITCHEN HOT? GET OUT

Re the defence made by Dr. Susan Gross of her position in the current controversy over feminism and Orthodox Judaism:

When it comes to public debate and search for truth, our sages always permitted the sharpest of language — even diatribes against individuals.

Is Dr. Gross not aware that the talmudic sages and medieval rabbis attacked each other with much greater force than Mrs. Miriam Esther-Singer attacked her?

If no less than the Gaon of Vilna attacked the Baal Shem Tov publicly, surely a woman from Agudas Yisroel can speak out.

If Jewish women are to speak out, then they must put up with the price of public criticism. This includes Jewish women who strongly disagree.

As the expression goes: if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

Shoshana Zolty
Toronto

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SEEKS TOMMY DOUGLAS DATA

I am writing a biography of Tommy Douglas, the late premier of Saskatchewan, for use in Canadian history.

I would like to contact anyone willing to describe their reminiscences of Mr. Douglas.

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TZUMISHT OR FARMISHT?

Re Frank Rasky's rebuttal to my April 3 letter headed "Stubborn ox is mulish," in which I challenged his use of Yiddish:

I always enjoy Mr. Rasky's articles and am his greatest fan. I'm also sorry to contribute to his *tzumisht* state — which I think is better Yiddish than what he calls his *farmisht* perplexity over the "stubborn as an ox" controversy.

However, I would not take it too much to heart, if I were you, Mr. Rasky. It's always nice to engage in a bit of *batlones* in these apocalyptic times we are living in.

As to Mr. Rasky's amusing reference to that "sly turncoat," J. B. Salsberg in this dispute, may I say this: You're not the only one JB has been misleading for generations, if not linguistically, then ideologically.

Misha Allen
Toronto

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MONTREAL LIBRARY BIGGEST

I would like to clarify one point made in the April 3 article on the Judaica collection at the University of Toronto's Robarts Library.

It is misleading to say that our collection is surpassed by that of the National Library in Ottawa. This is true only with respect to rare books.

The National Library has a fine collection of rare Hebraica and Judaica, numbering several thousand books, including several incunabula.

Almost the entire collection was donated by a private donor, Jacob M. Lowy, of Montreal. We have not had the good fortune to be blessed by a donor of Mr. Lowy's generosity and cannot afford to collect in this very expensive field.

However, the National Library's general Judaica collection is quite small and cannot compare with the University of Toronto's.

If there is any collection in Canada that surpasses the University of Toronto's in size, it would have to be that of the Jewish Public Library of Montreal, whose holdings in Judaica, Yiddica and Hebraica number some 70,000 volumes.

Barry Walfish
Toronto

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JB'S CROCODILE TEARS

With all due respect to J. B. Salsberg as a writer, speaker, storyteller and as a contributor to the Jewish community, I must ask why Mr. Salsberg found it necessary to devote his column of March 27 to the Herut convention in Israel, headed "Humiliation of Shamir is bad omen for us all."

Salsberg made it clear that he was never, nor is now, a supporter of the national philosophy of Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

That I can understand, because throughout Jabotinsky's lifetime, Salsberg was far removed from the concept we called Jewish nationalism or Zionism.

Moreover, I can also understand the fact that he was not a political ally of Israel's former Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The bear, as we all know, cannot change its fur overnight.

Yet, what I cannot fathom is why Salsberg was so intent on expressing his sympathy for Yitzhak Shamir, a man who was once one of the leaders of Lecht, the extreme right wing of Israel's pre-State underground and an even more aggresive faction than the Irgun.

The recent occurrences in the Herut Party in Israel are strictly a family affair. And, like all families, the Herut will pull together to deal with its internal differences, and will resolve them effectively without benefit of either Salsberg's input or his crocodile tears.

Max Freiberg
Secretary
Herut Canada
Toronto

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KUDOS TO GASNER

On behalf of the membership of Emunah Women of Toronto, we would like to thank you for the excellent article by Cynthia Gasner on our recent "The Jewish Woman: Tradition and Challenge."

As an organization seeking to grow both in visibility and in numbers, we appreciate and realize the benefits of Canadian Jewish News coverage.

Rochelle Balaban
Bea Rosenfield
Toronto

World-National

Jewish students gather in Halifax

Cross-country tour planned for Soviet Jewry

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Jewish students from across the country will gather in Halifax on May 11 to cross the country as part of the Jewish Students' Network Caravan For Soviet Jewry.

About 50 students are expected to board a bus in Halifax on that day to begin a 2-week westward trek stopping in cities along the way for meetings, workshops and rallies, and ending their journey in Vancouver (May 26), the site of Expo 86 and a major pavilion from the Soviet Union.

The purpose of the caravan is to focus attention on the plight of Soviet Jews among Jews and non-Jews in Canada, says Leora Silver, co-chairman of Network's Soviet Jewry Task Force.

Silver, her co-chairman, Eli Cohen of Winnipeg, and some 20 tireless helpers here are coordinating the event.

"We're trying to show the contradiction between the image that the Soviets try to portray to the Western world and their human rights policies, in particular with concern to Soviet Jewry," says Silver.

Says another official working on the caravan: "When you consider the venues that are available to express to the Soviets our concern, Expo seems to be one of the most important this year.

"They are here to show us what a fantastic society they have and we felt that it would be wrong to not let the public know there are serious problems in their society."

The bus will become a Soviet Jewry resource centre, says Silver and will bring information to the communities visited. The mayors of those communities will be asked to adopt a Refusenik.

Among the special guests organizers hope will be present in Vancouver when the students arrive are former Prisoners of Conscience, Yuri Stern and Yosef Mendelevich, and former Refusenik and Conservative rabbinical candidate Leonid Feldman.

The student cost for the Halifax to Vancouver route will be about $280, says Silver. Students will sleep in Jewish Community Centres or in private homes; the food will be kosher and there will be no traveling on Shabbat, she adds.

For those who travel only part of the route the cost will be a $30 registration fee plus $20 between each city. A second small bus is scheduled to join the caravan in Winnipeg. The organizers hope Network will be able to pay for the student flight to Halifax though that has not yet been settled.

But the ambitious project badly needs financial contributions to achieve success, says Silver. For more information on Caravan or to offer contributions, contact the national Network office at (416) 928-9160.

Though all the events in the communities to be visited have not been finalized, what follows is the basic itinerary for the caravan and Network contact people for the participating communities.

•May 11 — Halifax, an afternoon rally and then board bus, contact: Susan Marshall 429-9510.

•May 12 — Quebec City, contact: Karyn Miller (514) 286-0419.

•May 13 — Montreal, rally in front of Soviet consulate, contacts: Melanie Rosenblum 286-0914 or Mark Sherzer 738-1922.

•May 14 — Ottawa, Yom Ha'atzmaut and Russia Day at Expo. Organizers plan to have a convoy of cars following the bus from Montreal to Ottawa, will gather with politicians on Parliament Hill and then proceed for a demonstration at the Soviet embassy. In the evening there will be a celebration with the Israeli ambassador. Contact: Susan Welish 232-3792.

•May 15 — Kingston, contact: Lisa Talesnick 544-6548.

•May 15 — Toronto, rallying in evening in front of Queen's Park and spending Shabbat in Toronto, contact: Mike Zeldman 928-9160.

•May 16 — Hamilton, contact: Sheila Freedman — 522-7215.

•May 18 — Sault Ste Marie, contact: Frank Richardson 256-8061.

•May 19 — Thunder Bay, contact: Dr. Fred Ball.

•May 20 — Winnipeg, demonstration in front of parliament buildings, contact: Lisa Cohen 334-4146.

•May 21 — Regina, contact Cecilia Rotstein. Saskatoon, contact Steven Cooper, 665-2536.

•May 22 — Edmonton, rally in front of legislature buildings, contact: Roman Meyerovitch 487-1339.

•May 23 — Calgary, demonstration and stop for Shabbat, contact: Shane Chetner 252-1326.

•May 25/26 — Vancouver, contact Cheryl Berkowitz 736-1372.

Galinski doesn't quit anti-semitism battle

By
JOE POLAKOFF

WEST BERLIN —
More than 40 years of leadership of West Berlin's Jewish community have not decreased Heinz Galinski's fortrightness or lessened his fighting spirit against anti-semitism in West Germany.

In detailing Galinski's record since the Jewish community was re-established in West Berlin in December 1945 — seven months after Allied armies had occupied Germany's capital — some West German newspapers have reviewed his outspoken views about politicians who ignore or are indifferent to the scourge of Hitlerism.

Galinski, now 73, "is a key man in the postwar history of the Jewish community in Berlin," said the Deutsches Allgemeines Sonntagsblatt of Hamburg in one of the articles about Galinski carried by The German Tribune, a government publication carrying translations in English of reports in the West German press.

Galinski's mother and first wife were killed in Auschwitz. He was imprisoned in Auschwitz, Buchenwald and Belsen. The Hamburg newspaper said that as soon as the war was over, Galinski returned to Berlin, but, he recalled, "there were grave doubts whether there was any future for Jews in Germany after the Nazi Holocaust" and "many felt it was out of question."

Jews in Germany "needed to be recharged with vital energy and to be retained as members of the Jewish community," he said. "He felt this point was more important than all objections to re-establishing Jewish communities."

"Not even in terms of direct persecution did we lose hope of democracy and humanitarianism returning to Germany after the end of Nazi dictatorship," Galinski wrote in 1980, the newspaper recalled. While opposing assimilation, he espouses the cause of integration in a pluralistic society, it reported.

Both the Sonntagsblatt and the Suddeutsche Zeitung of Munich reported Galinski's current battles against anti-semitism. The Hamburg newspaper reported Galinski was "most upset" when Bonn Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmerman refused to voice disapproval of a meeting of former Waffen-SS men in Nesselwang, Bavaria.

"He was equally forthright in telling the Christian Democrats how he felt about the painfully slow programs of legislation to make saying 6 million Jews weren't murdered at Nazi concentration camps an indictable offence," the Sonntagsblatt said.

The Suddeutsche Zeitung said widespread public apathy about recent anti-semitic remarks by public officials disturbs Galinski.

"He feels there has been a growing trend for some time toward public discrimination against the Jews, especially by public officeholders," the newspaper said. "It is a trend that most alarms him."

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Eban: U.S. justified in retaliating against Libya

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The United States is justified in retaliating against Libya for terrorist attacks, Israeli statesman Abba Eban said in two wide-ranging speeches here recently.

Eban told a morning audience of about 1,000 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue that U.S. President Ronald Reagan is "morally justified" in striking Libya in retaliation for alleged terrorist attacks against American targets.

Eban, former Israeli foreign minister and ambassador to the U.S., told reporters after his remarks that "any effort to punish terrorism is morally justified."

Abba Eban

Eban was in Toronto to help launch the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, which will help raise funds for the Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority in Jerusalem. The Canadian society was set up last autumn on a mandate from Yad Vashem chairman Yitzchak Arad.

Eban is chairman of the board of governors of the International Society of Yad Vashem.

His comments on American retaliation against Libya came just one day before U.S. warplanes staged lightning bombing raids against guerrilla training camps, airfields and government posts in Tripoli and Benghazi.

Eban said Israel will support any action the U.S. might take against Libya because the U.S. "is about the only country that shows resolution in combating terrorism."

He added that Israel has not been asked to contribute to or participate in reprisals against Libya.

He said, however, that Israel has served as model for anti-terrorist activity and in convincing terrorists they cannot get away with wanton and indiscriminate killing of foreign nationals.

In his address, Eban said Israel's current government, composed of a fragile coalition that seems almost always on the verge of collapse, has been successful on several fronts, most notably in lowering inflation from triple digits to 3% this year and in successfully withdrawing troops from southern Lebanon.

Eban, a Labor MK, said Israel does not plan to absorb the 1.3 million Palestinians living on the West Bank, which he termed "a place of volcanic tranquility."

Israel's attempts to end its rule over West Bank Palestinians through a Palestinian-Jordanian agreement and to modify Israeli borders to make them more secure have been scuttled solely by the PLO, he noted.

He said current peace proposals advanced by Israel have been supported by Egypt, Jordan and the U.S., with the PLO being the lone exception. Eban called on the U.S. to bring all concerned parties to the bargaining table.

That evening, Eban gave a talk to several dozen invited guests at a private reception.

He called on their increased participation in the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

There is "a certain complacency" among today's generation because it has never known a world without Israel, Eban said.

And among the older generation, "it isn't true (their) only impulse is Zion. Many events in Jews' lives are governed by the memory of the Holocaust.

"It's going to take a long time before Jews can react to the Gentile world without a sense of inner insecurity.

"It's no use asking us to be normal in our conduct because our experience has not been normal. Some say we have an obsession with security. How can a state that has not known a month's peace since its creation not have an obsession with security?"

Eban said by supporting Yad Vashem, the memory of the Holocaust is preserved. "If 6 million Jews can be killed, then being Jewish must be a very important thing indeed. Besides, it's a Jewish condition to remember."

For more information on the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, call (416) 223-0550.

Toughen stand, Rosenne says

WASHINGTON (JTA) —
Israeli ambassador Meir Rosenne has called on the U.S. to cut commercial relations with nations such as Saudi Arabia, which provide financial assistance to the PLO and terrorist organizations.

But William Casey, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said that while the Saudis have paid "lip service" to U.S. concerns, there is little the United States can do to persuade them to stop funding the PLO.

Both spoke at a recent session of the 27th annual policy conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

"We do not think there is any justification for considering Saudi Arabia a peace-loving country so long as it provides — as it has been doing for years — $250 million a year to the PLO, funds that are used for killing Americans, Israelis and other innocents," Rosenne said.

Casey, who spoke after Rosenne, was asked about the Saudi funding. He said the Saudis support the PLO "for reasons of fear, intimidation and pursuing their own foreign policy objectives."

He added that "there is only a limited degree that we can influence them in those matters where they see their vital interests involved."

In his speech, Rosenne strongly denounced those he held responsible for the spread of terrorism today.

"The responsibility lies with those in democratic states that thought that Israel would be the only victim," he said. "Now they see their vital interests involved."

Rosenne also called for "a total ban on landing rights in democratic countries for the airplanes of states like Libya, Syria, Iran and Iraq that encourage terrorism."

Both Casey and Rosenne noted that cooperation between Israel and the U.S. had increased on intelligence gathering against terrorism.

Casey said this cooperation had also increased between the U.S. and its West European allies. "What we have done is to develop a concerted diplomatic action, economic and political sanctions, to evoke a penalty on the states which participate in state-sponsored terrorism," he said.

"Many of our friends and allies are rather slow on that," Casey said. "We can only hope and believe that the recent outrageous character of terrorist attacks in all countries will stimulate cooperation of that kind."

Meanwhile Thomas Dine, executive director of AIPAC, declared that relations between the United States and Israel are now "excellent" and have entered a "revolutionary era."

Israel is no longer treated as a "hindrance" to U.S. relations with the Arabs, but as "an ally, not just a friend, an asset rather than a liability, a mature and capable partner, not some vassal state," Dine said.

He said this "revolution has only just begun" and this is why AIPAC decided not to oppose President Reagan's proposal to sell $354 million in missiles to Saudi Arabia, although AIPAC had successfully opposed proposed sales to Jordan and the Saudis last year.

"This package to Saudi Arabia involves a variety of missiles about which we are, of course, not happy, and our very strong instinct was to fight it, especially because of Saudi Arabia's abominable record," Dine said.

But in evaluating the proposal, "we found that there was a consensus among defence experts associated with all factions and all schools of thought that this particular package would have a questionable impact on the security of Israel," he said.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On the first day of Passover, 1497, Portugal's King Emanuel I issued an order providing for the seizure and forced conversion of all Jewish children 4 to 14 years old. The promising refuge from the Spanish expulsion less than five years earlier proved a death trap for its own native community.

The western face of Iberia hosted Jewish communities from at least early Roman times. Britain's 19th century consul in Jerusalem, James Finn, referred to two ancient Hebrew inscriptions — one marking the grave of King Solomon's treasurer and the other mentioning 8th century BCE Judean king Amaziah — in saying that Jews were there as early as 900 BCE. A tradition of the Sephardim holds that many arrived there in the wake of the Roman destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE and gradually filtered east into Spain and Europe. The long mountain-backed coast's striking similarities to its Holy Land counterpart must have comforted the refugees.

Allowed autonomy

During the long Moslem occupation, Jews were the land's main winemakers. In the mid-12th century, Christian king Affonso found communities in towns and villages, and in large centres like Lisbon at the mouth of the Tagus River, and Oporto in the north. He employed as treasurer Yachya Ibn Ya'ish, establishing a long practice among Portuguese rulers as well as a dynasty of financier-scholars. With a few exceptions, the Portuguese kings allowed their taxable Jews communal autonomy.

King Affonso V (1438-81) provided Portuguese Jewry with its final years of prosperity. Fiercely envied and villified by a populace succumbing to the mounting religious fanaticism of neighboring Spain, the Jews experienced a gilded rather than golden age.

A widespread riot in Lisbon in 1449 took two dozen lives as hundreds of homes were sacked and looted. Popular feelings impelled local assemblies in the following years to demand restraint on Jewish prominence.

In Spain in 1479, the Inquisition was instituted against prosperous New Christians who were lapsing into Judaism. King Isabella ignited King Ferdinand's religious zeal. All Jews were to be out of the country by Aug. 9, 1492.

Some 150,000 refugees streamed across the border. About 600 wealthy families paid heavily for the right to remain in Portugal. Artisans and craftsmen were eagerly welcomed. The others paid a stiff head tax for a temporary stay. Passage to North Africa proved deadly. Crowded into rickety boats manned by robbers, many were flung into the sea, abandoned on deserted islands or sold into slavery. Those who failed to leave were forcibly converted, their children torn from them to colonize remote Portuguese possessions.

Forcible baptism

Emanuel I ascended to the throne in 1495. One week later, he announced his betrothal to the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella. Their consent rested on his ridding Portugal of all Jews. In December, 1496, he ordered them and the Moslems to be out within a year — unless they accepted Christianity. Fearful of reprisals against Christians in Arab lands, Emanuel refrained from pressuring Portugal's Moslems. Once the Jews began moving out, Emanuel started to appreciate the consequent economic loss. To appease his powerful in-laws, he attempted to convert the Jews by force. More martyrs than Christians were created.

The forcible baptism of children on Pesach 1497 was an attempt to keep their parents from leaving Portugal. It was an act of unprecedented cruelty. He assembled some 20,000 Jews in Lisbon's port with the promise of transportation to North Africa and instead ceremonially baptized them. They did not quickly take their new Christianity to heart, nor were they accepted by the Christians. In 1506, more than 2,000 New Christians were massacred in a Lisbon riot.

After many attempts by the New Christians to stymie it with money or influence, irrevocable papal consent was given to the establishment of an inquisition in Portugal in 1547. Most of the intended victims left the country, which entered into a prolonged decline and lost its long held status as a world maritime and colonial power.

Federal govt. provides $240,000

Grant aids Jews in small centres

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — A recent $240,000 grant from the federal multiculturalism department has allowed Canadian Jewish Congress to begin to truly address the needs of Jews living in small communities throughout the country. CJC received $60,000, the first instalment of the 3-year grant, last fall.

At both the 1980 and 1983 CJC Plenary Assemblies commitments were made to reach out to small Jewish communities geographically distant from major Jewish centres in order to ensure their survival and encourage their participation in Canadian Jewish affairs.

CJC set about to develop cultural and educational programs, materials and support services. Much of the groundwork was laid by David Attis of Moncton and Orin Krivel of Regina.

Today, the National Small Communities Committee is co-chaired by Murray Schwartz of Antigonish, NS, and Norm Bercovich of Regina, and under the staff direction of Shellie Ettinger.

Their first task, not yet completed, is to identify wherever Jews live in Canada and to contact them. Schwartz said the committee has so far found over 150 towns and hamlets where at least one Jew lives. The committee's mailing list has grown from 200 to 2,300 addresses from coast to coast in the past two years.

"We would appreciate having members of small communities identify themselves to Congress so that we can begin to service them," said Ettinger.

Helps home study

A small Jewish community is defined roughly as having fewer than 500 members, although CJC has serviced the larger communities in Halifax and Vancouver because they have lacked certain resources.

At present, CJC can offer these communities a quarterly newsletter, materials related to the observance of Jewish holidays, and a Jewish Home Educator's Kit, designed to assist families in planning their own home study programs. The latter has been put together in conjunction with the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Ettinger is happy to report that she was able assist last year in the preparations for a young man's bar mitzvah in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

The CJC arranges for entertainers and lecturers to tour small communities, and regional conferences, aimed at encouraging leadership development, have been held in Moncton, Saskatoon and Vancouver.

"A major function is simply communication, acting as a link between the mainstream of Canadian Jewry and those in isolated communities," said Ettinger. "We are just a letter or phone call away." A request came in recently, for example, from Grande Prairie, Alta., for help in creating an informal Hebrew program.

Schwartz, a former Montrealer back in his hometown this year on a sabbatical from his professor's job at St. Francis Xavier University, said many of the things enhancing and ensuring the continuity of a Jewish life, which Jews in major communities take for granted, are not available in small communities.

"We want to promote national community cohesiveness," said Ettinger, "to involve members of small communities in the day-to-day aspects of Canadian Jewish life and in the major issues on the community's agenda." The goal is to provide these communities with the skills and sense of self-sufficiency to sustain their culture and heritage.

Future ideas include a mobile library and a trip to Israel over the Chanukah period for members of small communities. This summer, an outreach program to small Jewish communities in Quebec will be launched.

Although Quebec's Jewish community is overwhelmingly concentrated in the Montreal area, research will be carried out to find Jewish individuals wherever they may be in the province including Jewish youth on college and university campuses outside Montreal.

(The National Small Communities Committee does not service the small communities of Ontario; instead CJC's Ontario Region performs that role.)

Program creates links

At the CJC Plenary Assembly in Toronto May 7-11, a forum and a workshop will be held on the concerns of small communities, both led by Ted Comet, of the Council of Jewish Federations in New York.

Ettinger also staffs CJC's National Campus Services Committee, which was formed in January and is chaired by David Attis. "The program is designed to create the kind of linkages between students and families in small Jewish communities that will enable students to participate in seders, for example, with these families," said Attis.

"The big picture, however, is to provide the necessary tools to campus youth and young adult groups for them to develop programs of Jewish content, alone or in concert with the local community." Applications for financial assistance from CJC must be accompanied by a letter of support from the community involved.

The committee includes student representation and has the ultimate goal of encouraging future community leadership.

A resolution on youth and youth adults will be put forward at the plenary assembly recommending that 10% of the members of the CJC national executive be under 30 years of age.

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Israeli rainmaker perfects cloud yield increase

JERUSALEM —

Israel's celebrated rainmaker, Prof. Avraham Gagin, has perfected a way to enlarge rain clouds, as much as doubling the rain they would normally produce.

Gagin, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's department of atmospheric sciences, heads the Israel Rainfall Enhancement Project, internationally recognized as the only project whose claimed achievements of enhancing rainfall are both physically plausible and statistically significant.

He hopes to use his new technique to increase substantially the annual rainfall in parts of Israel by well over his earlier 18 to 25% increases.

Boosting rainfall is extremely important to Israeli agriculture, which operates in a semi-arid environment. Even a small difference in annual rainfall can greatly effect annual yields.

In a recent interview, Gagin said the new cloud enlargement technique is aimed at further boosting annual rainfall in such target areas as the Sea of Galilee, Israel's main water reservoir.

Gagin explained that the average Israeli rain cloud is 6 to 9 kms. high and contains up to half a million cubic metres of water. The project's staff has developed a technique to increase the height of such clouds by 1.5 to 2 kms., significantly increasing their volume and doubling their rainfall yield.

He said when the weather radar at Ben Gurion airport reveals approaching Mediterranean rain clouds, a plane is quickly dispatched to inject them, at the precise time, with measured doses of silver iodide or dry ice.

These ice-forming substances freeze the clouds' supercooled water, releasing latent heat and causing the clouds to expand and absorb water vapor from the surrounding air.

Although this technique was not invented by Gagin (American scientists had invented and then abandoned it because of poor results), the Hebrew University team found the critical moment and the precise quantity of dry ice or silver iodide particles needed to trigger the rainmaking process.

The past winter has been dry and there have been few clouds to seed. However, under such conditions treatment of the few existing clouds results in a much more economically significant contribution.

Since wind and rain know no political borders, parts of Jordan have also enjoyed heavier rainfall, though less than that obtained in Israel, as a result of Gagin's rainmaking.

As a consequence of his successful application of the cloud enlargement method, American interest in it has reawakened, and U.S. scientists have invited him to participate in two trials being held in the U.S. later this year.

Rainmaker Avraham Gagin

Ethiopians wed without rabbis' authorization

By
HUGH ORGEL

TEL. AVIV (JTA) —

Fifteen new immigrant Ethiopian couples were wed at a public ceremony here last week in what was a major challenge to the rabbinical authorities. The marriage rites were performed by kessim — the Ethiopian community's own religious leaders who are not recognized by the Israeli rabbinate as halachic rabbis.

The marriages are not expected to be recognized by the rabbinate or registered by interior ministry, which is under Orthodox control. The absorption ministry announced, however, that it would regard the couples as family units, the same as any other new immigrants.

The two Chief Rabbis, Mordechai Eliahu (Sephardic) and Avraham Shapiro (Ashkenazic), are visting the U.S. and could not be reached for comment. The interior ministry declined to comment.

The Israeli rabbinate only reluctantly recognized the Ethiopian olim as Jews. They have refused to authorize marriage among them unless the bride and groom submit to ritual immersion, a symbolic rite of conversion. The Ethiopian community, devout practitioners of Mosaic Law, regard this as a gratuitous insult. It has been a bone of contention since the immigration of some 10,000 Ethiopian Jews between November, 1984 and January, 1985.

Local rabbis attempted to prevent last week's weddings by threatening to withdraw the kashrut certificates from the catering establishment which had rented its hall in the Yad Eliahu quarter to the Ethiopian couples. The caterers cancelled their contract at the last minute, even while guests were arriving. But a neighboring hall offered its premises and the ceremonies were conducted there.

The weddings were attended by people from various leftwing and secular groups. One guest was former Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen, chairman of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, who had his own confrontation with the rabbinate several years ago. They refused to sanctify the marriage of Cohen to a divorced woman. The jurist and his bride flew to Cyprus for a civil marriage.

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To strengthen multicultural-business ties

Centre to build partnership

By
JEFF ROSEN

Otto Jelinek, minister of state for multiculturalism, fields questions from participants at the Multiculturalism Means Business conference. [Jeff Rosen photo]

TORONTO —
A multiculturalism centre will be established to foster closer ties between the business and multicultural sectors, Otto Jelinek announced at a recent multiculturalism conference.

Jelinek, minister of state for multiculturalism, announced the creation of the centre — dubbed the Multicultural and Business Centre — at the Multiculturalism Means Business conference at the Metro Convention Centre.

The minister said the centre, which he hopes will be run by the private sector, will follow through on recommendations made during the conference and will encourage the business community to tap the cultural resources of minority groups.

By doing so, Jelinek said it will result in a more dynamic and secure economic future for everyone.

"This government believes emphatically that multiculturalism can and does mean business," Jelinek said at the opening of the 2-day meet attended by about 700 participants from across the country. "From this newly tapped resource will flow a prosperity which will generate greater social mobility and open even more doors to opportunity in all avenues of endeavor."

Jelinek said that while Canada's multiculturalism policy is undergoing some neccesary changes to make it more possible for all citizens to have "true equality of opportunity," it will not be at the expense of multicultural organizations themselves. Responding to questions from participants he said the new multicultural policy will build on the foundations of the old.

"If multicultural groups are contributing to the betterment of the community then they need not worry about losing their funding," Jelinek assured delegates. "However, if groups are not contributing anymore then I think it's time to review that situation."

With one eye to the future, Jelinek said a second multicultural conference will be held in the fall which will examine federal and provincial multicultural programs to find ways to eliminate overlap and duplication.

"Working together in a new partnership, with other levels of government, with mainstream business organizations and with each other as Canadians, we shall reward initiative, we shall encourage fairer participation in the decision-making process and advisory processes of this country and we shall see that excellence is rewarded, regardless of race or cultural heritage," Jelinek said.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney told about 1,500 people at the closing banquet that minority group members must reach for positions of power and influence in society and cited his government's decision to allow more immigrants into Canada.

"Tokenism is over and fairness is in," Mulroney said. "I tell you, it is just the beginning."

As well as the Prime Minister, the conference also heard from a number of speakers, including John Bulloch, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, Roger Hamel, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and representatives of government, business and ethnocultural organizations who took part in panel sessions.

Bernard Campbell, from the department of tourism, told participants at panel on capitalizing on multicultural resources and markets that while tourism is not often seen as an economic factor among the public, it is one of Canada's major employers. Between 1974 and 1984 the industry had 100% growth. This is expected to continue, he said, as leisure time increases.

Campbell cited a 1985 study of American households which found that Canada's competitive edge lies in its cultural diversity. Americans were found to be interested in experiencing Canada's different cultures.

He said that because exotic festivals, foods and beverages have become drawing cards for tourists, there may be opportunities for ethnics to provide alternatives in the hospitality sector by operating small inns and bed and breakfast accommodation.

Kristin Shannon, chairperson and publisher of Canadian Trend Report, said that the structure of Canada's economy is undergoing changes which are benefical to new entrants.

She said the changes will result in rapidly growing markets in small targeted markets such as ethnic food stores.

R. Betty Gittens, president of Ottawa Convention & Incentive Planners Inc., said Canadians must be willing to take a risk when starting a business.

"Never has there been a better time to start a business," she said. "We must challenge the status quo."

She said that as long as one has ambition and motivation then a new business can be started.

The conference also hosted an informart at which representatives of various ethnocultural business and trade associations, national business and trade associations and government departments and agencies provided information about their function.

Among the groups represented were the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto, the Canadian Association of Small Business, the government of Ontario, Multiculturalism Canada, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Canada Post, Retail Council of Canada, National Research Council and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Insurance hikes hurting

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —
Jewish communal organizations are seriously affected by soaring insurance rates and widespread cancellation of liability policies stemming from the litigous nature of modern-day America that is striking at coverage of both physical structures and personnel.

Some of the circumstances came to light when the New York Metropolitan Region of the United Synagogue of America appealed to Congress for federal legislation to help religious organizations obtain liability protection and keep insurance premiums reasonable.

Testifying before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Oversight, Harry Katz, the region's president, cited the drastic drain in congregational budgets by insurance costs and the dangers when companies refuse to provide coverage on various risks even in cases where no claim for insurance had been made. In addition, he explained, synagogue leaders in some instances cannot get personal coverage in event of liability suits and are therefor subject to personal payments.

"If a synagogue is unable to obtain directors' and officers' liability protection," Katz testified, "the volunteer officer of a synagogue is in an unenviable position. Indeed, who will agree to become the president of a synagogue and assume not only the unpaid burdens of community leadership but possibly grave financial risks as well?"

He noted that if a synagogue board can be held liable in a damage suit, it would be difficult to find volunteers for this service.

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Canada's new ambassador to Israel, James Bartleman, (left), who recently visited United Israel Appeal of Canada funded projects, is seen in front of the Beit Canada absorption centre in Jerusalem with Mrs. Bartleman, Leo Marcus, director-general of the UIA office, (second from right), and Barney Harris, national field director of UIA of Canada.

Report compares six ethnic groups

Jews most self-employed

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
Jews have the highest relative number of self-employed persons in Canada, according to a report prepared for Multiculturalism Canada.

The report on Highlights of self-Employment of Ethnocultural Groups in Canada looks at the makeup of the labor force of six ethnic groups in Canada, Ontario and Toronto including Germans, Italians, Jews, Poles, Ukrainians and Dutch and compares the number of self-employed persons to the labor force in general.

The report found that 21% of all Jewish participants in Canada's labor force are self-employed. This compares with 9% for Poles and Italians, 11% for Ukrainians and 13% for German and Dutch participants.

In actual number comparisons, Germans make up the highest number of self-employed persons in the labor force constituting about 11% of all self-employed persons in Canada. Jews make up 3% of the total self-employed population.

If self-employment within the different industrial categories is examined separately for each ethnic group, there emerges some clear differences between the groups. While Ukrainians and Germans have a relatively high proportion of self-employed in natural resources industries (agriculture, forestry, fishing and trapping), self-employed Jews and Italians account for only 5% of the self-employed in their ethnic groups in this category.

The industrial category with the largest proportion of self-employed Jews and Italians in Canada is the business and personnel services category. Almost 43% of self-employed Jews and 30% of self-employed Italians are in this category.

The report also found that Jews have a high participation rate in the trade industry, accounting for 24% of self-employed Jews and in the finance, insurance and real estate category, where they account for 6% of self-employed Jews. This is the highest relative participation among all the ethnic groups studied.

On the other hand, the report found that self-employed Jews have relatively less than average participaton in the construction trade.

Looking at Ontario and Toronto results, the report says that Jews have the highest relative number of self-employed persons. It states that 22% of all Jews in the Toronto and Ontario labor force are self-employed. This accounts for 5% of the total self-employed population in Ontario.

The provincial findings were similar to Canada as a whole with 48% of self-employed Jews in the business and personal services category, 28% in the trade industry, 7% in the financial category and 1% in the natural resources industries.

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Pope's visit seen as step toward ties

ROME (JTA) —

Eight days after Pope John Paul II paid his historic visit to Rome's main synagogue, ranking Vatican figures hinted Sunday that one ramification of the papal gesture could be Vatican recognition of the State of Israel.

Bishop Clemente Riva, president of the Ecumenical Committee of the Rome Diocese and a member of the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, observed on a television interview that the Vatican's failure to recognize Israel "is perhaps what offends Jews the most." The Pope's visit to the synagogue, he said, should be viewed as one more step toward recognition "which must, is bound to come, even though we cannot say when."

Riva added that for some time now it has been said "off the record" that "the Pope has a great desire to visit Jerusalem and is just waiting for an opportunity." Italian Jewish leaders feel this may well be the Pope's next step and "he knows he has a standing invitation, Tulia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, responded.

Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, who serves as president of both the Secretariate for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews, noted that "official relations" between the Vatican and Israel "already exist, even if not yet on the highest level of the exchange of ambassadors.

He said that, after all, the Jews "are a people and a people expresses itself in the form of a state." It is therefore natural for Israel to want to have relations with all other states."

Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, president of the Holy See's Commission for Peace and Justice, saw the Pope's visit as a "spiritual step, but a step which must bear consequences on other levels. It is a step that will bring closer the recognition of Israel, which is awaited by Israel, and not only Israel but many others as well," Etchegaray said.

He added, "Personally, I think we must take Israel into account when we speak of peace in the Middle East because without Israel there can be no peace."

Chairman Shlomo Shimon (centre) congratulates the divisional winners of the Canadian Zionist Federation National Bible Contest, (from left), Jodi Shanoff, Miriam Berkovich, Jeffrey Mandelcorn and Jonathan Koschitzky. [Howard Kay photo]

CZF Bible Contest ends

Winners bound for Israel

MONTREAL —

Jonathan Koschitzky and Miriam Berkovich, both of Toronto, were the 1st-place winners in the Canadian Zionist Federation National Bible Contest held last week.

Koschitzky, of Or Hahayim High School, and Berkovich, of Eitz Chaim School, won in the grades 9-13 and grades 7-8 categories, respectively. They will represent Canada at next year's World Bible Contest in Israel during Yom Ha'atzmaut, with the air fare complimentary.

The other winners in the National Bible Contest, held at the Hebrew Foundation School in Dollard des Ormeaux, are: grades 9-13 category, 2nd place, Eli Segal of Herzliah High School, Montreal; 3rd place, Noam Goodman, Community Hebrew Academy in Toronto; grades 7-8 category, 2nd place, Jason Tanny, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; 3rd place, Ariela Freedman, London Hebrew Community School, London, Ont.; grades 5-6 category, first place, Jeffrey Mandelcorn, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; 2nd place, Jacob Rosenfeld, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; 3rd place, Nava Weinman, Ecole Maimonide, Montreal; and, supplementary school category (grades 5-8), 1st place, Jodi Shanoff, Downtown Jewish Community School, Toronto; 2nd place, David Powell, Solel School, Toronto; 3rd place, Daniel Ziegler, Downtown Jewish Community School, Toronto.

Mandelcorn and Shanoff received $500 State of Israel Bonds for placing first in their divisions.

A total of 166 students from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, London, Winnipeg and Calgary participated in the National Bible Contest. Regional contests attracted over 400 students in Jewish schools across the country in February.

The top winners in last year's National Bible Contest, Moshe Fisher, of Or Hahayim School, and Ari Finkelstein, of Bialik High School, also in Toronto, will represent Canada at this year's World Bible Contest May 14.

U.S. attack on Libya draws world criticism

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dead. In Tunisia, a firebomb was thrown at U.S. Marine headquarters. In Sudan, which has drawn closer to Libya of late, the U.S. evacuated members of its embassy staff and their dependents.

Qadaffi, who lost his adopted infant daughter in the raid, thanked Italy, Spain, Greece and France for opposing the American action. He had good reason to thank the French. France refused to give the U.S. Air Force permission to fly over its territory on the way to Libya.

Despite the generally negative Western European response, Libya soon learned that it is far from popular.

•France expelled several Libyan diplomats on suspicion of engaging in dubious activities after the European Economic Community voted to restrict the movements of Libyan diplomats.

•Bettino Craxi, the Italian premier, said Italy would react with "severity" to any Libyan attacks on its soil.

•Britain called on the European Economic Community to close Libyan embassies in Europe. The British broke off diplomatic relations with Libya after a British policewoman was shot to death by Libyans from the Libyan embassy in London.

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The U.S. raid, which lasted about 12 minutes, came on the heels of last month's sinking of two Libyan patrol boats by the Sixth Fleet in the Gulf of Sidra.

President Reagan ordered the attack after he obtained "direct, precise, irrefutable and solid" evidence that Libya had planned and carried out the recent bombing of a West Berlin nightclub frequented by American soldiers.

The blast killed one American and wounded 55.

In a further justification for the raid, Secretary of State Shultz claimed that Libya was planning to shoot up 30 U.S. embassies in unspecified locales.

Shultz, in a remarkable moment of candor, said he hoped the raid would lead to Qadaffi's downfall. Qadaffi disappeared for 46 hours and sporadic shooting in Tripoli prompted rumors of a coup. But Qadaffi seems to have weathered the bombing of his country.

Eighteen F-111 and 15 A-6 and A-7 aircraft raided Libya. One F-111, with its two crewmen, was lost in mysterious circumstances.

The Americans hit five targets in Tripoli and Benghazi that included barracks, military airports and a commando training school.

Qadaffi's home received direct hits. His 15-month-old daughter was killed and two of his sons were wounded. Qadaffi himself, ensconced in a nearby tent, apparently barely escaped death.

The Libyan government said a total of 20 Libyans were killed, but Western diplomats spoke of an uncomfirmed death toll in excess of 100.

Police have little in rabbi slaying

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received several tips on similar sports cars.

Apparently, some witnesses said they saw a dark-colored sports car speed away from the area shortly after the shooting.

"Rights now, the car lead is our best bet because we're getting a lot of tips and we can check records to see if the owner of a particular car has a criminal or violent background," McCabe was quoted as saying.

"Other than that, we have very little to go on."

Police are looking into the possibility the car had been stolen. Some 65 vehicles in the Pittsburgh area fit the description, they say.

According to another report, police are hoping an anonymous caller who telephoned a crime tip service in Pittsburgh last week will call again. The caller reportedly may have witnessed the murder, but police declined to reveal what the tipster said.

Police are perplexed because there is no apparent motive in the case. Speculation is that the shooting was a random "thrill-killing."

Pittsburgh Mayor Richard Caliguri posted a $10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. Shortly after, an anonymous donor added $15,000 to the reward.

Rosenblum was described by those who knew him as a studious, helpful and sincere student of the Talmud. He received most of his education at Ner Israel and attended the Merkaz Hatorah Yeshiva in Jerusalem for one year.

Police met with representatives of Pittsburgh's Jewish community shortly after the shooting to assure them everything possible is being done to apprehend the killer, Police Chief John Norton said.

Norton called the shooting "a damnable event...a tragedy of the most monumental proportions."

UJA firms deal for artifacts

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The United Jewish Appeal announced last week that it has signed an agreement with the Polish government to provide for a 2-year nationwide tour of Holocaust artifacts and other documents under UJA auspices.

The agreement, which was a major goal of UJA national chairman Alex Grass, was achieved in association with the World Jewish Congress and provides for a tour of materials from the Auschwitz State Museum.

The exhibition is called: Auschwitz: Crimes Against Mankind. It consists of 80 items, such as suitcases, human hair, oven parts and 135 photographic panels. The exhibition, which was organized in Poland by the Auschwitz State Museum and the International Auschwitz Committee, tells the tragic story of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland from 1940 until its liberation by allied troops in 1945.

The agreement represents two further advances in the ongoing UJA effort to ensure that the realities of the Holocaust are never forgotten so as to prevent the possibility of a recurrence.

"Unlike the exhibition as displayed at the UN," Grass said, "the display form now on will be accompanied by a catalogue completely revised for us in which the Polish government recognizes the centrality of the Jewish tragedy in the Holocaust. That is, the Polish government agrees that while others died in the Holocaust, it was an organized, methodical — let me add, evil — program to kill all the Jews in Europe. Six million Jews died, including one million children, only for the fact that they were Jewish.

"Second, this exhibition will be brought to communities across the U.S., and placed in museums and other public areas so that all Americans, Jews and non-Jews, especially those too young to remember the Holocaust, will know it really happened, that it was horrific — and that it could happen again."

The exhibition will be made available by the UJA free of charge. The display requires 3,150 square feet, or about two-thirds the size of a regulation basketball court. Further information may be obtained from Donna Lee Golberg, Special Projects, United Jewish Appeal, 99 Park Ave., New York, NY 10016, (212) 818-9100, ext. 379.

Krentzman appointed CZF executive director

MONTREAL —

Rabbi Meyer Krentzman has been appointed national executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation. He replaces the late Leon Kronitz as the organization's top professional.

Rabbi Meyer Krentzman

Krentzman was executive director of the Jewish Education Council of Montreal for the past nine years. He has served on many organizational committees in the Jewish community and acted in an advisory capacity to various ministries of the provincial and federal governments.

He is co-author of Lexique de concepts Judaiques choisis, published by the Office de la langue francaise, and Jewish Laws in Customs and Mourning, which will soon be published.

Watch for our full color Fashion Supplement May 8th

Jeff Grafstein (right) and Stuart Krestell have formed a strong friendship through Jewish Family & Child Service's Big Brother program. [Jeff Rosen photo]

Big Brother role gives a special satisfaction

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

This year at camp I had two extra visitors, my Big Brother and his newlywed wife. I was so excited when they arrived. It was really fun showing them my summer home. If there was a Big Brother of the year award, I would nominate my Big Brother.

— A Little Brother

Jeff Grafstein did not know how important Jewish Family & Child Service's Big Brother program was when he first got involved. However, as this letter from his Little Brother indicates, it has meant a great deal to the teenage boy.

Grafstein, 27, said he decided to get involved in the program as he has some free time on his hands and felt he could get something out of the program.

"It's been very enlightening to me," said Grafstein. "First and foremost I have a special friend."

This "special friend" is 13-year-old Stuart Krestell. They have been together since October, 1984.

"It's good to have someone to talk to," said Krestell. "I've learned a lot from Jeff."

"There are times when Stuart can't wait to call Jeff and share something with him," Stuart's mother Marcia added.

Grafstein said that it took about six months to develop a good relationship with his Little Brother and that now the two of them enjoy going to movies, sporting events, the CN Tower and Science Centre, as well as playing with their computers.

He emphasized that in order to develop a relationship you have to stick with it and try to communicate with your Little Brother.

"I didn't know it would be as good as it has been," he said. "Stuart has paid me back in so many ways.

"I've had a lot of support from JF & CS," he added.

Shirley Worth, coordinator of volunteer services with Jewish Family & Child Service, said the agency is always looking for volunteers for its Big Brother program.

She said Big Brother applicants must be at least 18 years old and willing to make a regular weekly commitment with their Little Brother for a minimum of one year.

After being approved, Big Brothers are matched up with a Little Brother between the ages of 5 to 18.

"It's like a matchmaking service," said Worth, explaining that the program currently has two Big Brothers and two Little Brothers who are waiting to be matched. She said they can not be matched because of differing interests.

She said that once matched Big Brothers are free to pursue any activity with their Little Brother. JF & CS helps the pair by organizing holiday programs and picnics, such as the recent Purim party at the Lipa Green Building, and by providing a social worker as a backup service for Big Brothers.

She said social workers help Big Brothers cope with situations they don't know how to deal with.

For more information call Shirley Worth 638-7800.

Soviets told: "Let our people go"

Students stage protests

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Jewish high school students in Toronto, Winnipeg and Calgary held brief demonstrations recently to protest the absence of religious freedom in the Soviet Union, and to demand that the USSR "let our people go."

Organized by NAHON, the North American High School Network, the protest coincided with Passover, the holiday which marks Jewish freedom from slavery in Egypt, says Ruth Magder, international chairperson of NAHON and grade 12 student of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Some 25 students gathered here in the rain at the parking lot of Postal Station D with 45 empty boxes of matzohs to be sent to Mikhail Gorbachev with a letter of protest enclosed. The demonstration in Toronto was organized by CHAT grade 11 student Jack Gilad.

"The Jews in the Soviet Union cannot get matzohs for Passover," says Magder. "So we sent the empty boxes to symbolize the boxes that will be empty in Russia."

The matzohs themselves, donated by various synagogues and youth groups, "will be given to the Jewish poor by the National Council of Jewish Women in the various cities," adds Magder.

The students who participated in Toronto came from CHAT, Charles H. Best Junior High, Sir Sandford Fleming Secondary School, William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, and Newtonbrook Secondary School.

The postage per box sent to the USSR was $2, says Magder. The letter in each said in Russian: "Let my people go." In English it told the story of Passover and demanded that by next year Soviet Jews should be allowed to go to Jerusalem.

The program idea came out of NAHON's first international convention held in Orillia, Ont., in March.

During the intermediate days of Passover NAHON members are performing a play about Soviet Jewry to educate fellow students in Newtonbrook, Fleming, Mackenzie and Forest Hill Collegiate Institute.

NAHON is open to Jewish students from grades 9 to 13 and representatives from each grade were present at the Toronto rally.

For more information about NAHON contact the Jewish Students' Network, (416) 928-9160, or Ruth Magder at (416) 785-0132.

Members of NAHON show the empty boxes of matzohs to send to the USSR to protest the lack of religious freedom there.

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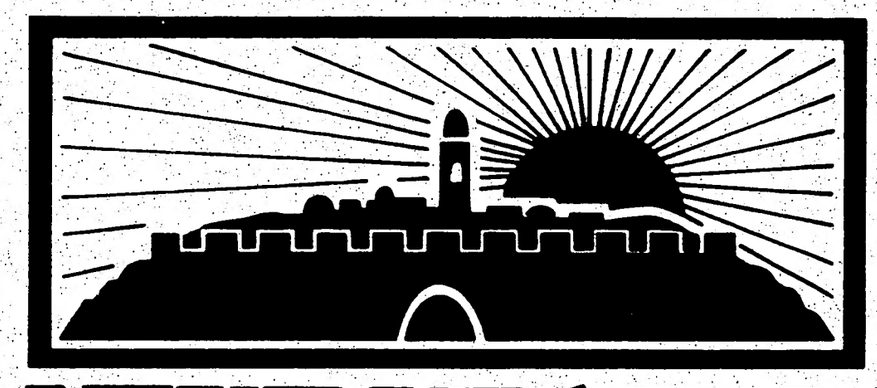

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By
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Because of the Passover holidays's, this column's deadline for the May 8 issue is advanced to Monday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Friday, April 25

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

As part of its Musical Legacy program series, Temple Sinai's Shabbat evening service on Friday, April 25, features special choral music and cantorial solos by members of the Religious School Choir, under the direction of **Barbara Gazen**.

Services begin at 8.15 p.m.

Sunday, April 27

JOSEPH KERLER TO SPEAK

Renowned Yiddish poet and essayist **Joseph Kerler** of Jerusalem will deliver a lecture on Sunday, April 27, at 8.30 p.m. at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 470 Lawrence Ave. W. The subject of his lecture will be Yiddish Writers and Artists from Soviet Russia and Israel.

The meeting is under the auspices of the Yiddish Culture Council, Committee for Yiddish of Toronto Jewish Congress, Labor Zionist Alliance, Workmen's Circle and New Fraternal Jewish Association.

SPRING SALE

Here's an invitation to new bridal gowns, new girl's clothes sizes 7-16, new comforters and sleeping bags and a fine selection of nearly new sportswear and clothing. You will find it all, and more, at the spring sale run by National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, on Sunday, April 27. Doors are open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Admission is free. For more information, call 633-5100.

COFFEE HOUSE

B'nai B'rith Coed Lodge (Atideynu) is having a Coffee House on Sunday, April 27, at 8.30 p.m. at 15 Hove St. Passover treats will be served. Price is $2 members, $3 non-members. Age group is 20s-30s. For more information, call **Steve** at 489-2692.

Monday, April 28

SONGS OF TRIUMPH

On Monday, April 28, at 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple is presenting Songs of Triumph, an Oratorio by **Morton Gold** based on the Song of the Red Sea and the Song of Miriam. It recreates the triumphant crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites following their exodus from Egypt.

Participating are **Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner**, tenor solo; Holy Blossom Temple Singers and Chorus; members of the Toronto Concert Singers; York University Chamber Orchestra with conductor **James McKay**, and guest soloist, harpist **Erica Goodman**.

Tickets are $8 general admission and $5 students and seniors and are available at the door.

For information, call 789-3291.

Tuesday, April 29

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB

The Canadian Israeli Club, Aluma, is presenting a movie on Tuesday, April 29, at 7.30 p.m. at the Wagman Centre, Fireside Lounge, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information, call **Ephraim Dloomy** at 449-7836.

Wednesday, April 30

HUMANE SOCIETY MEETING

The North York branch of the Ontario Humane Society is holding its annual meeting on Wednesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. at North York Memorial Hall, 4812 Yonge St. (north of Sheppard). An inspector for the Ontario Humane Society will discuss his work in the province and a short business meeting will be followed by a social hour.

Everyone interested in the welfare of animals in North York is welcome. Admission and parking are free.

CENTRESTAGE FORUM

On Wednesday, April 30, CentreStage Forum is presenting a program on Organ Transplants. **Dr. Cal Stiller**, chief of the Multi-Organ Transplant Centre at University Hospital, in London, Ont., will lead a panel of health care professionals, parents of donors and transplant recipients.

This program is co-sponsored by Transplant International (Canada)/Toronto Memorial Society. The time is 8 p.m. at the St. Lawrence Centre, 27 Front St. E. Admission is free. For information, call 362-7041.

FRIENDS OF SCHIZOPHRENICS

The Metropolitan Toronto Chapter of Ontario Friends of Schizophrenics has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, April 30, at 8 p.m. at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Dunvegan Hall, 230 St. Clair Ave. W. **John Shouldice**, director of cooperative education, will talk about the work study educational program tailored to the individual's needs.

Thursday, May 1

PALMERSTON SCHOOL AUCTION

Palmerston Ave. School's annual fund raising auction is set for Thursday, May 1. Come out for an entertaining evening with bargains galore, a professional auctioneer, a raffle and terrific food. Items to be auctioned range from antique chairs to studio portraits, music lessons to dinners for two.

The school is located at 734 Palmerston Ave. (two blocks north of Bloor near Bathurst). Doors open at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7. All proceeds will go to playground improvements and enrichment activities for the school children.

And What Else Is New...

YOM HA'ATZMAUT CELEBRATION

The annual community celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's 38th anniversary) will be held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Tuesday, May 13. This year's concert will feature Israeli singer-songwriter-guitarist **David Broza**. For further information regarding the sale of tickets, contact Canadian Zionist Federation at 665-7935/6.

The concert, which will start at 9 p.m., will be preceded by a remembrance service to commemorate and honor those who have died in the wars of Israel. This service will also take place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in the presence of communal and civic dignitaries, starting at 7 p.m.

BETH AMI HEBREW SCHOOL

Beth Ami Congregation is now accepting registrations for Hebrew school for the 1986-87 year. Families living in the Newmarket and surrounding York north areas wishing further information may call 859-0023 or 775-4309.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR CONCERT

David Varjabed, world renowned baritone, will be guest artist at the 60th anniversary concert of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir. He will perform together with soprano **Susan Sereda** in **Jacob Schaefer's** Tzvei Brider (Two Brothers), based on the dramatic poem by **I.L. Peretz**. The work was featured in the choir's 10th and 25th anniversary concerts.

The concert will take place Sunday, May 4, at 7.30 p.m. in the Walter Hall of the Edward Johnson Building, University of Toronto (just south of the Royal Ontario Museum). Reserved tickets are $8 for adults and $6 for students. For more information about ticket purchases or the concert itself, call 889-1918 (days) or 489-7681.

Also featured in this concert will be a retrospective of works performed over six decades. The Ensemble Singers and the choir will present Israeli, Canadian and English pieces.

KINGSTON'S IYR HA-MELECH

Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech, Kingston, will be observing Yom Hashoah with a memorial service on Wednesday, May 7 at 7.30 p.m. at Watson Hall and on the same evening will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Baycrest Centre needs volunteers to assist with a variety of daytime programs.

Help is required with activities such as friendly visiting, interpreting, library work, office work, recreation programs and tour guides.

Baycrest's recent hospital addition offers new opportunities in the gift shop and snack bar.

If you are interested in becoming involved in helping to provide any of these important services, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

MUSIC THERAPY CONFERENCE

The Canadian Association for Music Therapy is holding a conference at OISE (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education), 252 Bloor St. W., May 8, 9 and 10. The conference theme is Music Therapy and the Expressive Arts.

If you would like more information, call the conference office at 926-4711.

RELIGION AND GERONTOLOGY

The 11th annual meeting of the Canadian Institute of Religion and Gerontology is set for Thursday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at the Rotary-Laughlen Centre, 110 Edward St. (one block north of Dundas, between Bay and University). The theme is Well-Being for Survivors and speakers will include **Dr. Imre F. Fejer**, past president, International Psychogeriatric Association; **Dr. Harold W. Vaughan**, pastor, educator, artist and author and a founding member of CIRG, and **Dr. Cope W. Schwenger**, professor, faculty of medicine, University of Toronto. The Reactor Panel, moderated by **Lawrence Crawford**, former special advisor on seniors, Ontario secretariat for social development, will follow the morning speaker.

The fee of $15 includes morning snack, luncheon and material. Registration deadline is May 1. For registration information, phone 924-5865.

COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Wondering what is missing in your communication? Take advantage of this opportunity to learn to recognize and utilize both verbal and non-verbal communication going on all the time — even when people aren't aware they are doing it!

Attend the 2-day "hands on" workshop, May 3 and 4, to develop practical skills through NLP (Neuro-linguistic Programming) and OTCC (Other Than Conscious Communication). It takes place at 481 University Ave. Cost is $250. Space is limited. Contact **Barbara Madonik** at 922-0911 to reserve.

POSLUNS THEATRE SCHOOL

Some openings are still available for the Leah Posluns Theatre School course, Professionalize Yourself. This is a course in theatre skills for executives, lawyers and business people.

For information, call **Claire Loughheed** at 636-1880, ext. 271.

PATHS TO EMPLOYMENT

Paths to Employment, a 1-day conference presented by the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee of George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology on April 26, will appeal to women entering/re-entering the workforce, employers, social service workers, human resources personnel, educators and government agencies. It is taking place at the Kensington campus, 21 Nassau St.

The day begins with a choice of workshops to be followed by lunch with guest speaker **Gregory Sorbara**, minister of colleges and universities and minister of skills development, and ends with a panel discussion.

Registration is $50 for the entire program or $20 for the lunch and guest speaker only. For information, call 967-1212.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

The spring term of Adath Israel Congregation's adult education program begins May 12 and continues May 20, 26 and June 2. The course on Moses Mendelssohn, will be given by **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut**, who has a particular interest and expertise in the time and works of this pioneer of Jewish enlightenment. The course is a timely observance of the 200th anniversary of Mendelssohn's death.

All sessions are Monday evenings except Tuesday, May 20. The time is 8 p.m.

SHAAR SHALOM HEBREW SCHOOL

Commencing September, 1986, Shaar Shalom Hebrew School (Conservative synagogue) will open another branch with classes at Thornhill.

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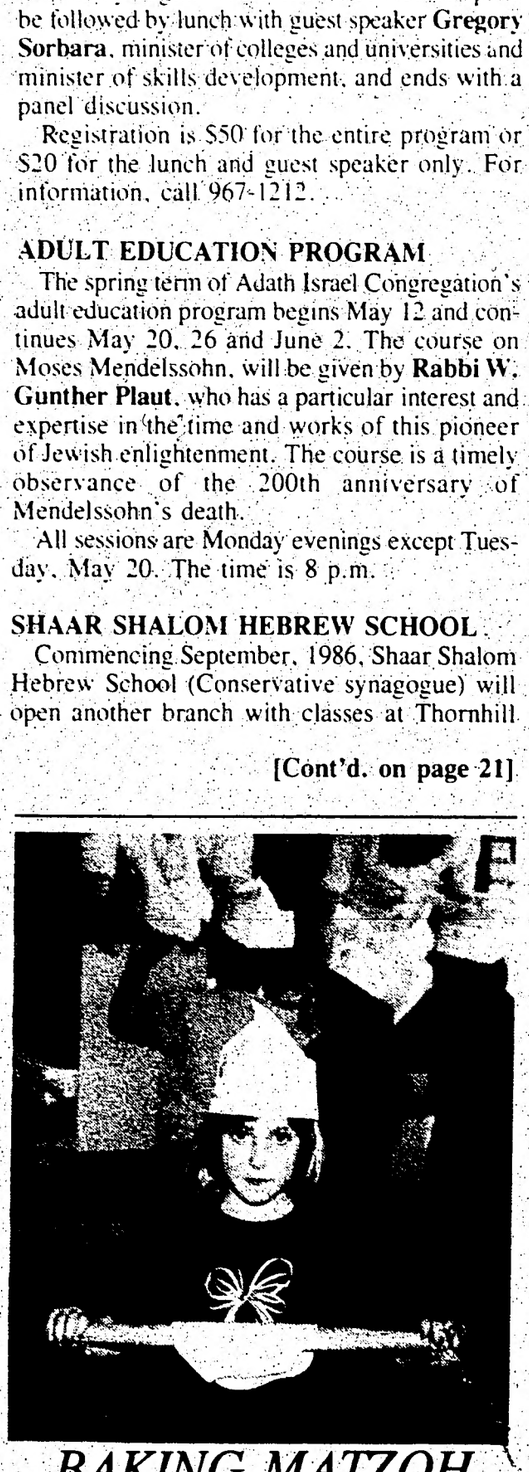
NEAL GETS AWARD

Torontonian Ruth Rose (left), president-elect of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, congratulates actress Patricia Neal on receiving the B'nai B'rith Women Perlman Award for Human Advancement. The award, presented at the organization's biennial convention in Las Vegas, recognizes Miss Neal for her dedicated work on behalf of the disabled. With them are Ellen Nash (left), director of BBW of Canada, and Beverly Davis, BBW international president.



BAKING MATZOH

United Synagogue Day School student Karen Stewer and friends are baking matzoh for Passover. The junior kindergarten students were taken to the Lubavitch Centre for their project by their teachers Chaya Grosman and Necha Jakubovicz.

Organizations and People

What's New

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Secondary School - St. Luke Separate School, 160 and 167 Dudley Ave., Thornhill (Yonge and Clark).

The school will continue with all grades (junior kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1-8) at the present location at Zion Heights Junior High School, 5900 Leslie St., Willowdale, and in addition will have junior kindergarten, kindergarten and grades 1 and 2 at the Thornhill location. The curriculum includes Hebrew, Bible, prayer, holidays, history, customs, Israeli folkdancing, music and bar/bat mitzvah studies.

For the coming year the school is introducing attendance option for students entering grades 1 and 3. Students entering grade 1, who are unable to attend sessions twice weekly (Sunday and Wednesday), will have the option to attend Sunday only. Grade 3 students unable to attend sessions three times a week will have the option of attending twice weekly (Wednesday and Sunday).

For further information, contact the principal, **Joseph Klinger**, at 884-9730 or 787-0197.

JEWISH WOMEN IN ART

Be sure to catch Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood's Jewish Women in Art exhibit on view at the synagogue, 100 Elder St., through to May 8. It is an exhibition of Chinese brush paintings plus some oil paintings by Toronto artist and synagogue member **Annette Wolf**.

MONDAY MAGIC

Take a break from the kids. Enjoy stimulating speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is available. The spring session of Monday Magic starts May 5 with speaker **Alain Moreau**, a transmedium psychic. Other speakers include: May 12 — **Fredelle Maynard**, author of Raisins and Almonds and The Child Care Crisis; May 26 — **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** of Beth Tzedec Congregation; June 2 — **Lily Barr**, national president, Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation, and June 9 — **Michael Gilbert**, photographer.

Sessions take place at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., on Mondays from 9.30-11.30 a.m. Fee is $25. Call 489-1420 for information.

VIEWMOUNT TINY TOTS

Viewmount Tiny Tots Co-op offers a warm and stimulating environment two or three mornings a week for children who will be 2 years of age by Dec. 31, 1986. Enrolment is limited. For more information, call **Eileen Berger** at 486-5226.

for seniors

Because of the Passover holidays, the deadline for the May 8 issue is advanced to Monday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

The Association of Jewish Seniors, in cooperation with North York Board of Education Continuing Education, is offering two courses to run weekly on Wednesdays, beginning May 7 through to July 9. They are Contemporary Economic Issues in Canada with instructor **Gary Berman** and Current Events with instructor **Gary Begg.** All sessions take place from 9.45-11.45 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. There is no charge for seniors over 65. The fee for adults 55-65 is $20. Preregistration is required. To register and make your course selection, call **Jennie Gilbert** at 635-2860.

The **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Pvs 50** musicalle luncheon on Tuesday, May 6, will feature baritone **Paul Massel** and pianist **Ruth Morawetz**. The time is 12.30 p.m. The charge is $5.50 and everyone must reserve by calling 781-3511.....A reminder that there is no meeting on April 29 due to Passover.

The **Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program** for women 55-70 years of age widowed less than two years takes place Sunday, April 27, from 12.30-2 p.m. in the centre's Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. For more information call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Elderly Widows 70 and Over Self-Help Program is set for Monday, April 28, from 1.30-3 p.m. in Rooms A and B of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. for details.

Self-Help Widowers Program for men over 55 years, which meets every other Wednesday from 7.30-9.30 p.m. in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, will not be meeting on April 30 due to the Passover holiday. The next session is scheduled for May 14. For information, call 789-5131, local 2271, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre** the next session of 60 and Holding, an ongoing 10-week nutrition counseling and weight reduction program begins Monday, May 5, at 7.30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 6, at 9.30 a.m. The fee is $25 Wagman Centre members, $30 non-members. For information about registration, call 789-5131, ext. 413.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Sunday program on April 27 at 2 p.m. features pianist **Leo Marchildon**. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, April 27, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. Charge is $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

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The Bloor Jewish Community Centre, located at 750 Spadina Ave, offers a Good Age Club to interested members of the community. A Thursday afternoon drop-in, providing a social and informative program, meets at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Cost is $5 membership for one year and 50¢ for members and 75¢ non-members each meeting for refreshments. For information, call **Florence Maran** or **Annette Anker** at 924-6211.

singles

Because of the Passover holidays, the deadline for the May 8 issue is advanced to Monday, April 28, at 5 p.m. Your co-operation is appreciated.

40 Plus Singles Holy Blossom Temple will meet on Sunday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the temple's Philip Smith auditorium, 1950 Bathurst St. The guest speaker will be recently freed Refusenik **Anatoli Vasilevsky**. Also, there will be a film and slide presentation on Russia by **Rabbi James Prosnit**.

Club Haifa (ages 23-45) invites you to come and enjoy the great sounds of **Archie** on Saturday, April 26, until 2 a.m. at the Mardi Gras Restaurant, 97 Cumberland St. (just off Bay). Dress is casual but no jeans please. There is a cash bar. Cover charge is $3.....If you are interested in jazz, the Mardi Gras features it on Sundays from 7-11 p.m. No cover charge.

Jewish Union Book Club will be meeting on Monday, May 12, at 7.30 p.m. The novel to be discussed is Davita's Harp by **Chaim Potok** (paperback edition 1985). There is no charge. For information, call, from 7-9 p.m., **Robert** at 486-1865 or **Jerry** at 787-4352.

Celebrate the holidays by meeting friends and dancing the night away at a Passover party planned for Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. The event will take place at Friday's (upstairs), 204 Eglinton Ave. E. (between Redpath and Mt. Pleasant). The theme of the party is Saturday Night Fever. Kosher snacks will be served. Free parking is available behind Friday's. Cover charge is $10. For information, call **High Society** at 446-1394.

Metro Toronto Singles is organizing an exciting Jewish singles weekend at romantic Clevelands House in Muskoka Friday, Sept. 5, to Sunday, Sept. 7. For further information and best room selection, call **Sid** at 222-7111.

About People

FEINBERG HONORED

Rabbi Abraham Feinberg can chalk up yet another honor! The rabbi emeritus of Holy Blossom Temple is to be one of two recipients of the 1986 Civil Libertarian of the Year Awards presented by the Civil Liberties Union of Nevada in recognition of " a life committed to social justice, passionate in seeking truth, courageous in its expression".

The rabbi now resides in Reno, Nev., where the presentation is to be made at a dinner Wednesday, April 30, at which actor **Richard Dreyfuss** will be special guest speaker.

PRIDE OF ISRAEL OFFICERS

The elected executives of the Pride of Israel Sick Benefit Society, Temple, Brotherhood and Sisterhood are as follows:

Sick Benefit Society: president, **Harold Segal** and vice-presidents **Isaac Glowinsky** and **Alan Marks**; Temple — president **Marvin Litvak**; vice-presidents **Jack Giddens** and **Gerald Waisberg**; Sisterhood: president, **Ilse Litvak**;, vice-presidents; **Rene Geist** and **Gloria Jacobs**; and Brotherhood: president, **Howard Green**;, vice-presidents, **Fred Berg** and **Leslie Myers**.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY

A new executive of the Rabbinical Assembly Ontario region was appointed at a recent meeting. The new president is **Rabbi Phillip Scheim** of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation with **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** of Beth Tzedec Congregation as vice-president and **Rabbi Howard Markose** of Adath Israel Congregation, secretary-treasurer. The outgoing president is **Rabbi Robert Marcus** of Beth Tikvah Congregation.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

It has been an exciting month for **Joel Beasley**, 17, of Oakville, Ont. Joel was awarded the Max Stern Scholarship for academic excellence and community service from Yeshiva University and was co-winner of the Canadian Zionist Federation public speaking contest in the 15-18-year-old category.

A student at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Joel is also the regional president of NCSY, the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, Central Canada Region. He is co-founder of the religious affairs committee and a former student council member at CHAT and is the current editor of the Bnei Akiva newspaper.

Joel has twice been a member of the Canadian Junior Maccabi Soccer team and is the former junior chess champion of Oakville where he lives with his parents **Tom** and **Adela Beasley**. He will begin studies at Yeshiva University in the fall.

NEW TIES

Sid and Annette Bearg of Toronto examine the handcrafted bookends presented to them by students at Boys Town Jerusalem. A group of 72 boys, part of the airlift out of Ethiopia, some of whom may never see the families they left behind, are establishing new ties at Boys Town. The Beargs visited the department of industrial machines named in their honor.

DOUBLE BIRTHDAY

Arlene Perly Rae, (centre), wife of Ontario NDP leader Bob Rae, celebrates her 37th birthday April 27, the same day as Refusenik Ida Nudel celebrates her 55th birthday. At a recent ceremony at National Council of Jewish Women headquarters, Rae cut a cake and signed a birthday card on behalf of Nudel, the Soviet Union's only female Prioner of Conscience. Helping Rae blow out her candles are her grandmother Myra Florence and her husband. Rae hopes to deliver the card to the Soviet ambassador to Canada. [Ron Csillag photo]

CHAPLEY HONORED

Vaughan alderman David Chapley (centre) was honored recently by Associated Hebrew Schools for his role in obtaining a parcel of land in Vaughan for Associated's "portables" at Bathurst and Clark. Pictured with him are Associated president Henry Koschitzky (left) and executive vice-president Arthur Tannenbaum. [Graphic Artists photo]

Organizations and People

Hamilton Negev Dinner honoree

Volunteers impress "Linc"

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —
"Certain things have more meaning than others. This is one of them," says Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander about being named Hamilton's 1986 Negev Dinner honoree. This year's dinner will be held May 25 at Adas Israel Synagogue.

Speaking in an interview at his home in Hamilton during a brief respite between official functions, he said, "We have much in common, and I'm sure you know what I mean by that."

The former federal Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Hamilton West and minister of labor in the Clark government has attended most Negev Dinners in recent years and his association with the Jewish community goes back many years and long before he entered politics.

Alexander's former riding has the largest concentration of Jews in the city but when he made his first, unsuccessful, bid for Parliament in 1965, "most of the people on my team were of English, Irish and Scottish background. But when I walked in I brought in the people of the Jewish faith, the Italians, the Blacks, the Portuguese, the Greeks, the young people . . .

"We broadened our base, that's what helped me there," he said, referring to the 1968 election, when he flew in the face of Trudeaumania to win the seat.

Recently named honorary patron of the Max Rotman Humanitarian Youth Award, Alexander points out that he is very careful about lending his name but that the award presented annually by the Jewish Community Centre and the city of Hamilton to outstanding teenage volunteers in memory of the former JCC youth director "is very worthwhile.

"It must be significant to me, something I can actually become involved in, participate somehow. Like Easter Seals, Variety Village, the Cancer Fund."

What has impressed him most since becoming Lieutenant-Governor "is the whole area of volunteerism." He is impressed with the "very rich, very powerful and very influential" people and corporations "who lend their name, their expertise and their money to a lot of charities. I knew but I didn't have it firsthand. As a matter of fact," he added, "I think the whole idea of volunteerism carries the country."

The toughest part of the job so far has been "adhering to the various matters of protocol," Alexander confessed.

His first lesson came when he stood at the head table before 2,000 guests at

Lincoln Alexander

the Royal York Hotel waiting for the vice-regal salute" . . . and here they've already played it and I'm still standing up!"

"You may sit down now, Your Honor," an aide whispered to him.

The informality he enjoyed is gone. "I've never been much of a protocol person," said the man who considers himself very much "one of the people" and of whom everyone here still likes to think as "our Linc."

"My neighbors and friends treat me with a great deal of respect when they meet me in a formal place . . . Well, they kind of smile at me . . . but they understand they have to call me 'your honor.' If I get too loose with that I get into trouble!

"It's not so much me but my office. The office has to relate to people and that's what I'm trying to do in a dignified way."

In June, Alexander and his wife Yvonne will travel to London "for a very special occasion" when the Lieutenant-Governor will meet the Queen in private audience, not only as her representative here but also as one of Her Majesty's Privy Councilors. Although he has met the Queen before, it was "just in line" and this time he's just "a little apprehensive."

Winnipeg Mayor Bill Norrie (left) presents the Mayor's Hospitality Award to cab driver Sid Corrin.

Winnipeg cabbie receives Mayor's Hospitality Award

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
Veteran Winnipeg cab driver Sid Corrin recently became the first recipient of a new civic accolade — the Mayor's Hospitality Award — for services rendered beyond the call of duty.

The award, which is being given bi-monthly on behalf of the Winnipeg Convention and Visitors Bureau, is given out on the basis of recommendations and comments by visitors to the city as well as Winnipeggers using the city's hospitality services.

Corrin is a friendly, gregarious man who takes pride in what he does. For example, last fall, he was driving James McCambly, president of the Canadian Federation of Labor, and two other passengers to the airport when McCambly realized he had forgotten his glasses somewhere.

"I told him, that rather than miss the plane, he should leave it to me," said Corrin, "that he should tell me where he had been and what they looked like and I'd find them and mail them to him. He was surprised that I'd do that for him, but I told him that, since he had been good enough to ride in my cab, I'd be very happy to."

Corrin was as good as his word and found and forwarded the glasses to Ottawa.

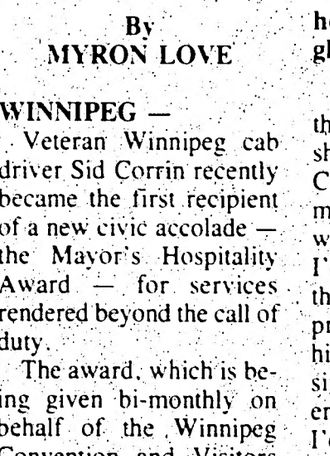
A former clothing manufacturer, Corrin has been driving a cab for 14 years, the last 12 as an owner-operator. In that time, he has helped catch thieves and find lost children, comforted the grieving and recently divorced, driven newly released men and women away from prison gates and settled potentially violent fares.

"People need someone to comfort them and I fill the role," he said. "If you can't count on a cab driver, who can you count on."

Corrin sees every cab driver as a goodwill ambassador. "First impressions are the most important," he said, "and taxi drivers are the first people many visitors to a city encounter."

He would like to see more courteous cab drivers. "Drivers should help older people get into the car, help them in the snow and be patient with passengers who give directions," he said. He also advocates clean taxis and more bridges in the city to improve the circulation of traffic.

"Taxis," he said, "are a major part of a city's economic structure. They are a vital link in the system which can't work without transportation."



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The People
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The Event
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Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Place: Galaxy Ballroom, Constellation Hotel,

For information, call The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, (416) 781-3584

Organizations and People

Funds to help the poor

Gourmet Gala to feature kosher presentation

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

On Tuesday, May 6 from 5 to 9 p.m., more than 1,000 people will pay $35 to attend The Gourmet Gala at The Sheraton Centre to sample the culinary arts of 14 of Canada's leading chefs from The Escoffier Society.

And the proceeds of this fund raising event will go to help people in Africa who have never in their lives seen a good meal, says Doreen Wicks, the driving force behind this project.

For the first time, there will be a kosher gourmet presentation prepared by Peter Graben, the caterer at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, the Beth Tikvah Congregation and the B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation.

"More and more people in the Jewish community are working and supporting Global Ed/Med Supplies (Canada) Inc.," says Wicks, the executive director of the organization that helps people living in poverty-stricken Third World Countries. GEMS collects and ships medical supplies, farming equipment and other needed supplies to countries around the world.

Headed by Dominic Zoffranier of the Chelsea Inn, the illustrious chefs will be offering their gourmet specialties that are sure to delight the eye and the palate. And guests will enjoy a fun-filled evening of entertainment. Singer Salome Bey will perform and there will be music for listening and dancing by the Jane Bunnett Orchestra.

Doreen Wicks is the wife of cartoonist and writer with The Toronto Star, Ben Wicks, and mother of three grown children. In 1979 she went to Haiti to visit her daughter Susan who was working as a volunteer with blind and deaf children in a clinic.

"That trip," says Wicks, a registered nurse, "changed the direction of my life."

Wicks says that she returned to Toronto with a burning desire to "help the barefooted children with swollen bellies and bodies that were invaded by dreaded parasitic worms that kill many of their victims."

Exploring many avenues in Canada and abroad, she traveled to London, England and there, with the help of a specialist in tropical medicine, she initiated a pilot project. A group of children with parasitic worms received a new drug called Xermox which works within 12 hours.

She enlisted the aid of Johnson and Johnson, a pharmaceutical manufacturer that produces Xermox. Over the next few years, more than 175,000 Haitian children were treated.

With the success of the worm project, Wicks turned her efforts to other needed projects in Third World countries including Ethiopia, Columbia and New Hebrides.

In 1983, with the encouragement and support of her husband, Wicks organized GEMS under the chief patronage of Governor-General Jeanne Sauve.

From her work at Toronto hospitals, Doreen Wicks was aware of how much surplus medical equipment is thrown out and she arranged to collect this equipment, health-care products and educational supplies. In 1985, GEMS shipped more than $1 million worth of supplies to famine-stricken areas in 19 countries.

With the help of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto and hundreds of other Toronto schools, GEMS collected 40,000 blankets for Ethiopia.

GEMS also has a Farm Tools for Africa project. They collect simple farm tools from across Canada for drought stricken areas in Africa.

The success of these projects, says Doreen, can be attributed to the spirit and generosity of the volunteers, persons in government and private enterprise. "It's amazing what you can do if you have a team."

Sampling foods for the Gourmet Gala in aid of Africa are, (left) Peter Graben, kosher caterer; Doreen Wicks, the executive director of GEMS; and GEMS' board member Monty Mazin.

Monty Mazin, a close friend of Ben and Doreen Wicks, is part of the team. Mazin says that he became involved with GEMS because of his own affliction.

He explained that he was stricken with polio at the age of 3, and remained paralyzed for the next six years. "My grandmother Bessie Mazin was an outstanding humanitarian like Doreen Wicks," says Mazin, "and she taught me that it was not enough to stand on my own feet and walk.

"She said the greatest mitzvah was to devote my life to worthwhile undertakings — to walk B'derach Hayeshara (on the straight road) — to help people help themselves."

Mazin, a member of GEMS board of directors and the associate executive director of the Jewish National Fund of Canada (Ontario Region), has been instrumental in bringing this project to the Ben-Gurion University and B'nai B'rith International.

The organizers of The Gourmet Gala visited caterer Peter Graben to sample some of the foods he will prepare for the feast. Graben says that his kosher presentation has challenged him to try new dishes.

"This event will give me an opportunity to display some of our creative selections," he said. 'It is exciting to be involved in such a worthy cause."

Wicks noted that radio broadcaster Pat Paulson will be the MC and Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton will attend the fund raiser.

To purchase tickets to the GEMS Gourmet Gala, call Doreen Wicks, (416) 533-3977, Monty Mazin at 633-6329, any BASS outlet or at the Sheraton Centre Information Booth.

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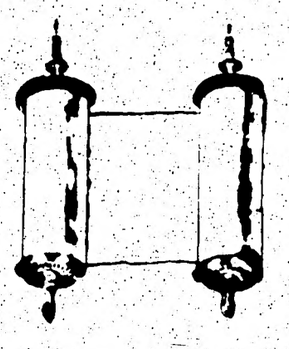

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Passover 5746

Passover is a time for asking questions.

It is better that questions be asked at home and answered at home — than our children go out on the street to find their answers.

A young farmer married and had to conduct his first seder. He never ran a seder before, and was ashamed to ask the rabbi. He told his wife: "Go to the next farmhouse, peer in the windows and see how they conduct the seder. Come back and report to me."

So the loyal wife trekked through darkened fields, peered into the neighbor's window, and saw how the husband was beating his wife — that's how you run a seder!

She returned home and her husband demanded: "How do you run a seder?" She refused to answer. Again he asked her and she didn't answer. He grew furious and he struck her.

Tearfully, she looked up at him: "If you knew already, why did you ask?"

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After Quaddafi's name is long forgotten, we will still be reciting the miracle of Egypt.

Says the Haggadah: "Kol hamarbeh lisapeir. . . . Whoever tells more of the Exodus from Egypt is greatly to be praised. . . ."

What's the difference if you tell more or less about the Exodus — why just mention it?

There is a parable: a ship was close to capsizing, huge waves crashing down. Suddenly the storm abated, and the passengers offered prayers of thanksgiving.

There were rich and poor passengers. Who gave louder praise? The well-to-do ones, who led lives of ease, plenty and pleasure. What a good life they had been spared for! The poor passengers, for whom every day was a miserable struggle, their thanksgiving wasn't quiet as hearty. Life — but not such a great life.

The same way — explained Reb Yitzchak Elchanan — are two Jews who celebrate the Passover seder. The one who is poor in Judaism, for whom the whole exodus is just a physical release, whose Jewish identity is weak — then it is a lukewarm hasty celebration. A lot of eating, but little talking.

But a Jew who burns with love of Judaism? Who knows that the Exodus led him up the road to Sinai; who lives his Jewishness day and night; who longs for G-d; who cherishes the mitzvahs — then wow! What a celebration! What a redemption! What a change it brought! What a seder!

A hot seder or a cool seder? A hot Jew or a cool Jew?

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Four sons visit the seder — wise, wicked, simple, and he who doesn't even know how to ask.

The chacham, the wise — then the rasha, the wicked.

But why put the wicked next to the wise son? Stick him in the corner, make him last! Why put him right in the middle?

But how can we warm the heart of the wicked? By throwing him away? No way! Isolating him? We destroy him, lose him.

No — we *surround* him! We put the pious sons around him, we rub shoulders against him, we surround him with love . . . *Then* there is a chance.

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We have to share and care.

Said one rabbi: There are stingy people who run a wide-open house. Whenever a poor person comes to them for help, they show him a wide-open door — to leave!

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My dear wife Susan and I wish all our readers a Chag Kasher V'sameach. Shabbat Shalom.

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CORRECTION

Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev apologizes to Bianca Israeli for its error on Page 14 of the April 10th issue of The Canadian Jewish News and wishes to correct same by confirming that Leora, Rachel and Henry are not the children of Emily Israeli but are the children of Jack Israeli and his former wife, Bianca Israeli.

Rabbi hopes to heighten standards of observance

Wine, matzoh focus of Pesach fair

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO — Wine and matzoh were the focus of the recent Lubavitch 2nd annual Pesach fair, organized by the Chabad Adult Institute to "heighten standards of observance at this auspicious time of year," according to Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum.

Grossbaum, executive director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, said: "We are trying to have people do more in preparation for Pesach this year than the year before.

Model bakery

"If they used matzoh last year, they should use shmurah (specially supervised) matzoh this year. If they got rid of their bread, cookies and obvious chometz last year, they should formally sell the rest of the chometz on their premises this year. If they cleaned their sinks and stoves last year, they should also use liners this year," he told The Canadian Jewish News.

Displays of shmurah matzoh and sink liners, as well as sales forms and explanatory brochures, were a prominent part of the fair, held at the Lubavitch Centre in Thornhill. Children crowded into the model matzoh bakery for a "hands on" experience in making Pesach's unleavened bread and also saw a half-hour film on the process.

Grossman told The CJN that some 4,500 day and afternoon school students have visited the bakery since it began at Purim.

About 40 brands of kosher-le-Pesach wine from Israel, the U.S., Italy, France, Spain and Ontario, were available for tasting. Wine is an integral part of the seder, the drinking of four cups halachically prescribed.

Also on display was a selection of hagaddot, pots and pans and other kitchen utensils.

Sasha (left), Daniel and Leah Koobrossi roll out the dough during the Chabad Adult Institute's Pesach fair, at the model matzoh factory. Close to 1,000 adults and children attended the pre-Pesach information event. [Graphic Artists photo]

The advertised food-tasting failed to materialize. The food exhibitor did not appear.

Also held recently by Lubavitch was a phone show on cable TV, to answer questions on preparing for Passover and conducting the seders.

Grossman told The CJN that about 200 people filled out chometz sales forms when these were first circulated 12 years ago; last year, 2,000 participated. "We hope for an even large figure this year," he said. "We've distributed over 10,000 forms through stores, synagogues, mailings, brochures and advertisements."

There are about 100 Lubavitch families in Toronto, and 300 in Montreal, said Grossbaum.

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"So objective I wanted to scream"

Lawyer looks back on trial of Adolf Eichmann

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

The 1961 trial of Nazi Adolf Eichmann was conducted in an unprejudiced and fair manner, despite the West German defence lawyer's protest that the Israeli judges were emotionally biased, says a retired Israeli lawyer.

"They gave this man — however little he deserved it — a fair, objective, impartial trial," said Sam Levin who recently spent three years translating the Hebrew court transcript into English for the Israeli government. Eichmann, who had been brought to Israel, was found guilty of war crimes and hanged.

"Sometimes they were so objective that I wanted to scream out to high heaven at the fact that they treated this monster with such human decency," said the South African-born Levin who moved to Israel in 1949.

Speaking recently to about 200 people at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue at a lecture sponsored by the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's public affairs department, Levin said he found many examples of the three judges' fairness during the trial of the Nazi in charge of implementing the Final Solution.

In one case, the judges refused to hear a largely undisputed affadavit containing statements by an elderly Austrian Jew who had witnessed the degradation of Jews in Auschwitz and was too ill to testify in person. The judges said they wanted to hear more evidence on the man's illness before accepting the affadavit.

On another occasion, the judges restricted evidence by a U.S. psychiatrist who had interviewed Nazi war criminals in death cells after the war, to study what made Nazis tick.

After an objection from Eichmann's defence lawyer, the judges would only allow the psychiatrist to speak in scientific terms on the Nazi mentality and barred him from testifying on what people had said about Eichmann.

"I think that's enough to prove we had very objective judges," Levin said.

Although the trial contained many blood-curling stories of atrocities against Holocaust victims, in only one case was Eichmann charged with murder by his own hands, said Levin.

That story unfolded when a 33-year-old witness, who had been only a teenager in the war, recalled in late-1944 being brought with others from the camps to dig trenches on an orchard-covered hill near Eichmann's scenic villa in Budapest.

As the young prisoners went to work, they suddenly heard a commotion and looked up to see one of their cohorts being dragged up the hill by Nazi guards who were accusing him of stealing cherries from a tree.

The youth was pushed into a shed and the door closed. Several of Eichmann's staff came running out of the house and soon Eichmann himself appeared and entered the shed.

"Then they heard noises, said the witness, of a thrashing that was made by a wide belt or some other object and heart-rending screams which they could hardly bear to listen to," said Levin.

About 15 minutes later, the noise had ceased and Eichmann emerged from the shed with his tie on one side, bloodstains on his shirt and his belt missing. The youth's lifeless body was later carried by two men from the shed and dumped into the river.

Despite the testimony, Levin said, Eichmann was not found guilty of the murder charge because the judges found the evidence to be circumstantial and uncorroborated.

Throughout the 6-month trial, Eichmann claimed to recall little about the war and told the court he was only a small cog — a backroom boy in the Nazi regime, Levin said.

In fact, when Levin first began translating Eichmann's testimony he began to wonder if the man was crazy. "But as they went along these answers created a pattern and it was quite clear that the man was not only sane but he was very, very cunning and he was adopting a pose because it suited him."

Jews for Jesus director cries foul over charge

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

The Canadian director of Jews for Jesus says his constitutional rights are being violated in not being allowed to distribute the group's literature at York University.

Steve Cohen was arrested recently and charged with trespassing at York after a complaint was lodged that someone was ignoring requests to stop handing out Jews for Jesus literature.

Cohen's court date has been set for May 7 and he says he will plead not guilty.

In February, Cohen and Martin Verk of Jews for Jesus were escorted off the York campus by Metro police for handing out literature without the university's permission. They were told if they or any Jews for Jesus member returned without permission, they would be arrested.

Earlier in February, Jews for Jesus applied to become a member of York's interfaith council, a student umbrella group of on-campus religious organizations, in the face of vehement opposition from the 5,000-member Jewish Students Federation.

The JSF, the largest religious group on campus, said Jews for Jesus' inclusion on the council would be divisive and "an affront to Judaism." The Jewish students charged Jews for Jesus with engaging in cult-like behavior, coercive and "deceitful" tactics and in trying to proselytize Jews.

Jews for Jesus' application was eventually withdrawn when the group did not get the required number of signatures to validate its application.

Cohen told The CJN he will plead not guilty to the trespass charge because "York is a public university, not a private school. My tax dollars support it. My constitutional rights cannot be checked at the gate.

Right to regulate

"We feel we have the right to exchange our views and ideas on campus. It's appalling that someone who is Jewish and believes in Jesus can't do that."

Cohen added that Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees freedom of religion and freedom of expression.

"If Jews for Jesus is silenced, who's next?"

York's director of student affairs, Cora Dusk, said permission is required for any group wanting to distribute its literature on campus.

"We don't go out patrolling, but if we get a complaint, we investigate," Dusk told The CJN.

She said Jews for Jesus "did not meet the proper criteria" for coming on campus because it is not part of the university community and its members are not students at York.

"Certainly York is a public institution but it's also private property. We feel we have the right to regulate who comes on campus."

Many outside organizations, such as businesses and the Red Cross, hand out their literature at York but they get prior permission, Dusk noted.

Rayzel Robinson, head of the Jewish Students Federation, told The CJN that the whole episode "is a clear example of (Jews for Jesus') tactics and of their provoking the Jewish community."

Robinson, who led the fight against having Jews for Jesus on campus, said that when Cohen showed up to distribute his brochures, it attracted "a lot of Jewish students and a lot of yelling back and forth."

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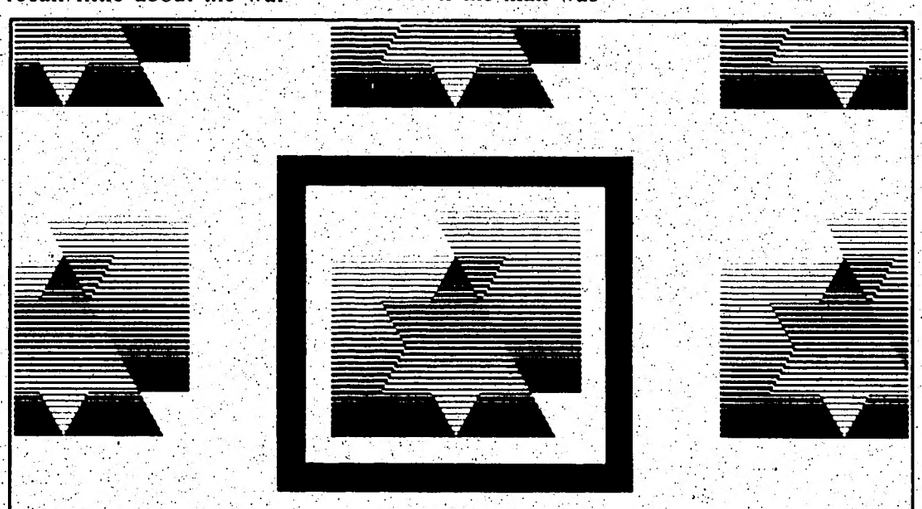

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TJC honors tireless worker

Harry Steiner to receive Ben Sadowski Award

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —

From his early childhood in Lodz, Poland, through his adolescence and adulthood in Toronto, Harry Steiner's life has been steeped in Yiddishkeit and a love of Jewish learning.

That has been the motivating force behind all of his communal purists during a long and mutually-rewarding association with many major organizations in our Jewish community.

Steiner's outstanding contribution to Toronto's Jewish communal life will be publicly acknowledged at the annual meeting of Toronto Jewish Congress on May 20, when he will be presented with the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit.

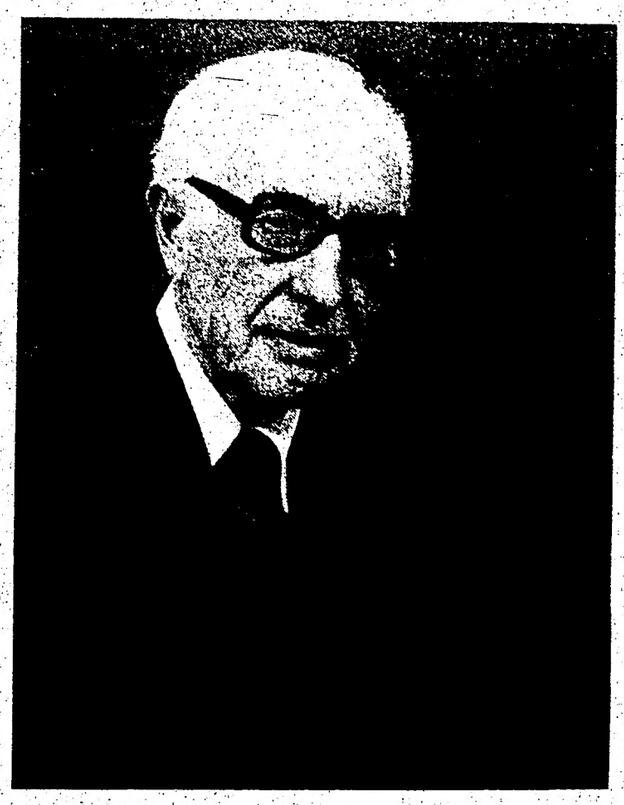
Steiner was informed of his selection as this year's honoree by Dr. Arnold A. Epstein, who heads the nominating committee.

An only child, Harry Steiner came to Toronto with his mother when he was 8 years old. His father died only six months after his arrival here, but the elder Steiner's connection with the Paole Zion movement back in Poland, was to have a lasting influence on his son.

His mother, said Steiner, sent him to the old Talmud Torah on Simcoe St. (an early forerunner of Associated Hebrew Schools) and to the Farband Folk Shula, nurturing his interest in Jewish education. "In those days the emphasis was on learning Yiddish, not Hebrew," he recalled.

Harry Steiner's high school years were spent at Jarvis Collegiate, after which he attended the University of Toronto, where he graduated with a BA in Political Science.

Shortly after his retirement from the family textile business, he re-entered university to earn his Masters degree in 1980.



Harry Steiner

Steiner's communal affiliations encompass a wide range of associations starting with the United Jewish Welfare Fund and Canadian Jewish Congress where he served as both national and regional secretary. He has been on the executive of Toronto Jewish Congress from its beginnings, only to relinquish his TJC responsibilities this past year.

A staunch adherent of the Labor Zionist movement, Harry Steiner has been president of the Histadrut campaign and has retained an active association with Bialik Hebrew Day School.

He is a past chairman of the Board of Jewish Education and maintains that Toronto now has "the best Jewish education system in the world. It's this community's greatest achievement," he proudly proclaims.

At the age of 74 Harry Steiner can look back on the many changes that have altered the face of Toronto's Jewish community from the time he first became actively involved.

For him the most positive move was the merger 11 years ago of the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the Toronto decision of Canadian Jewish Congress, to become the central organization now known as Toronto Jewish Congress.

"It's a superior organization in so many ways," he stated. "Not only has it worked extremely well, it also has provided a forum for cohesiveness that covers all fronts. I hope we'll never allow anything to weaken or dilute that unity."

He was referring to the threat of polarization by differing ideologies now troubling many Jewish communities worldwide.

Steiner has been very much involved in the development of social services that respond to the needs of the poor, the elderly and the handicapped, with special attention focused on immigrants.

He served as chairman of a task force set up by the TJC social planning committee several years ago, to implement integration of newcomers from the Soviet Union.

"We have developed a social service network second to none. Now it is time to think in terms of broadening the base of Jewish education beyond the secondary level," he says.

He would like to see an expansion of Jewish studies programs presently in place at York and the University of Toronto, as a coming priority on the community agenda.

A gentleman at all times, Harry Steiner's wit and droll observations have enlivened many a meeting throughout the years. Through it all, his genuine concern for the betterment of his Jewish community has been abundantly evident. That concern is not confined to the local community. It has led to his active participation in the Peace Now movement in Toronto of which he is a founding member.

Steiner is married to the former Ruth Marin and they have two sons, Hillel and Joseph.

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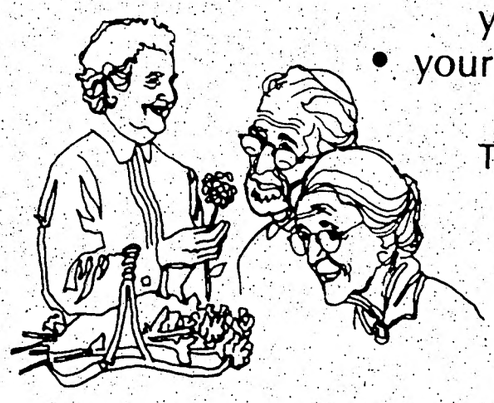

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Lively discussion

JWF committee hears fears of female poverty

By
ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO —
All women's issues are Jewish women's issues and conversely, all Jewish women's issues must become all women's issues, Dr. Elaine Todres told 150 women attending the recent inaugural program of the social and political action committee of Jewish Women's Federation.

Todres, who is director of policy and research, Ontario Women's Directorate, explored what she termed the "growing feminization of poverty."

Major contributing factors cited by her include the large number of single-parent households led by women; the wage differential between men and women; and lack of affordable day care for working mothers.

Not only do women earn less than men, said Todres, but the wage difference increases as women grow older — a disturbing aspect which has a detrimental effect on the determination of pensions, adding yet another element to the perpetuation of female poverty.

"The Jewish community must not lull itself into thinking it will escape the praxis of the women's movement," she remarked. "While our community enjoys a high standard of living, we cannot ignore the bleak face of the feminization of poverty nor the reality of the 2-earner family."

Todres' address provided the springboard for the main feature of the program, chaired by Francie Storm, who heads the strategic JWF social and political action committee.

The women in attendance were assigned to one of a series of workshops, each of which was spearheaded by facilitators — members of JWF executive and the SPAC.

What came out of the workshop sessions during lively and sometimes heated discussion, covered a wide range of community priorities.

These ran the gamut from the high cost of Jewish education, quality Jewish day care, opening up of leadership positions to women, job and wage equity, poverty among the Jewish elderly and single-parent families headed by women, to pension provisions, family abuse, pornography and violence against women, to affordable housing in Jewish areas.

As a followup, the SPAC will begin to research and study the issues selected by the participants as priorities.

"As a gender-based organization, Jewish Women's Federation has tremendous potential as a lobbying force," said Francie Storm. "With a constituency representating 20,000 women of diverse backgrounds and ideologies, we can exercise considerable clout in putting forward our views on issues of vital concern to this community. This program is an auspicious beginning toward that goal."

Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the social and political action committee of Jewish Women's Federation, can call 635-2883, ext. 182.

Shown at the podium at inaugural program of Jewish Women's Federation social and political action committee are Dr. Elaine Todres, featured speaker; Francie Storm, committee chairman; and Judy Klein who organized workshops.

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It "was incorrect and wrong"

Shapiro raps Appeal Court ruling on funding

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
The recent ruling by the Ontario Court of Appeal upholding the constitutionality of extending funds to Catholic schools was wrong, says educator Bernard Shapiro.

"Catholic schools do have special status. But that's a historical statement, not a moral one," Shapiro, who headed a 1-man commission of inquiry into the public funding of private schools, told an audience at Holy Blossom Temple recently.

"The Court of Appeal ruling was incorrect and wrong."

Shapiro's report, more than a year in the making, concluded that Ontario should fund its 551 private schools, including Jewish ones, provided they affiliate with public school boards and meet provincial government standards in areas like curriculum and teacher qualifications.

The report estimated the yearly cost of funding private schools in Ontario would be $75 million, based on an annual per-pupil grant.

Currently the head of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), Shapiro will become deputy minister of education in July. His commission was set up by former Premier William Davis, when he announced that funding of Catholic schools would be extended to grades 11, 12 and 13.

On hand to explain how his report and the court ruling will affect private Jewish education, Shapiro prefaced his remarks by saying that virtually every democracy in the world has grappled with the problem of whether to use public funds for private education and that almost all Western nations fund private schools to some degree.

In Ontario, the number of private schools and students has doubled in the past decade. Over 55,000 students in Ontario go to private schools, which account for 3% of all schools, Shapiro said. Almost all private schools are religious-based and 70% of those are either Catholic or evangelical Protestant, he noted.

Ontario has 20 Jewish day schools with 8,200 students.

After the Court of Appeal ruled that funding Catholic grades but not other religious education did not contravene Canada's constitution, the Canadian Jewish Congress said it would join other groups in appealing the decision to Canada's Supreme Court. CJC said Ontario's funding law, Bill 30, was discriminatory because it favored one religion over another.

Shapiro said he considered over 500 submitted briefs before making his recommendations. The submissions, he said, ranged from demanding full funding for private schools to discontinuing funds for the public system altogether.

Included in Shapiro's recommendations on private schools were free tuition, open access and fully certified teachers.

The problem with funding private schools, he said, is that government regulations come with the government funds.

And he heard many parents say they would welcome funding because they are tired of paying tuition fees on top of the regular school tax.

But he said discrimination was the strongest argument for funding "on moral and legal grounds. (Currently), the province is practicing discrimination" by funding Catholic grades but not other religious systems.

While very few private schools fit the image of the upper-crust, snobby institute, many are discriminating on religious grounds, Shapiro stated.

The arguments against funding, he said, centred mainly on the cost.

Shapiro said he rejected the cost aspect. "If the government can spend $63 million on computers in the classroom, it can spend $75 million on private schools."

Bernard Shapiro

One aspect of funding private schools Shapiro admitted he hadn't been able to work out is the religious affiliation of teachers in religious schools.

Whereas his report calls for accredited teachers, often in the Jewish system teachers are brought in from Israel. As well, it would open religious schools to teachers unqualified to instruct religion.

The government could get around that dilemma by issuing teachers special letters of exemption where appropriate, Shapiro suggested.

And he discounted suggestions that Jewish students from the public system would leave en masse to attend private Jewish schools for what is perceived as a better education for free. There has been no evidence of that happening in other provinces that fund private schools, such as Quebec.

If Canada's Supreme Court overturns the Ontario court ruling, Shapiro said the province "will probably develop a system that will make (funding) legal" by somehow accommodating the surfeit Catholic students. "I find it difficult to believe the government will retreat from funding."

Even if the government adopted his recommendations, Shapiro said it would be five years before they would be implemented.

Told of Education Minister's Sean Conway's conviction that the government "has no intention of funding private schools," [CJN, March 13], Shapiro said that once he becomes deputy minister, he'll "sometimes win and sometimes lose," in trying to change government policy, "but I won't be giving speeches that are critical of the government."

Woman rabbi will deliver memorial lecture

TORONTO —
Rabbi Amy Eilberg, the first woman Conservative rabbi, will speak on Challenging the Future: New Gifts, New Horizons when she delivers the Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture at 8.30 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at Adath Israel Synagogue.

Rabbi Amy Eilberg

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Canadian Weizmann League plans 9th auction

TORONTO —

Conjure up an image of Merlin the Magician, of magic hats and hocus-pocus and it will set the stage for the 9th annual auction and dinner for the Canadian Weizmann League, on Sunday, May 4, at the Royal York Hotel. All proceeds will go for research into children's diseases.

Weizmann League auctioneer Ira Hopmeyer sits on top of a Checker Marathon that will be auctioned off to fund research into children's diseases.

Under the magic wand of Van Beltrame of Van's Flowers, the Concert Hall at the Royal York "will be transformed into a springtime setting complete with magicians," says a Weizmann League press release. Some of the magicians are as young as 14 years of age.

At least a dozen youngsters will be directly involved in helping raise funds for other young people at this event. They'll be dressed and face-painted in black and white with twinkling stars — on hand to help encourage bidding at the Silent Auction. Harper's Dinner Theatre is providing a cast of magicians for the event. Food expert Lucy Waverman has created the menu for the dinner.

The black tie evening, with a couvert of $250, per couple, includes a reception, silent auction, dinner and dancing to the Paul Mathew Band and then the live auction of exotic cars, precious jewels, home accessories, dinner parties and balloon rides.

Luxury cars on the auction block includes a 1934 Avon sports coupe, a Checker Cab, Porsche, Jaguar, Mazda and BMW.

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Theme of the evening is "Remember the children through the magic of spring" and is set to the color theme of black and white.

Chairing the auction is David Geneen of Downtown Mazda, with his committee headed by Marion Craig and Lorraine Loeb. The committee of League volunteers is supported by an enthusiastic team of youngsters.

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Another Eitz Chaim school

Sod turned for new campus

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

D'arcy, Burnside, Viewpoint, Patricia and now Thornhill: Eitz Chaim Schools have followed the migration of the Orthodox Toronto community from the beginning says Kurt Rothschild, chairman of the recent groundbreaking ceremonies for the newest campus on York Hill Blvd. near Bathurst and Clark.

Rothschild thanked the Town of Vaughan and Region of York, and all those who have worked for the school through the years, including Avraham Tanenbaum, Itshe Meyer, Harry and Moshe Korolnek, Julius Kuhl, Herschel and Max Rubenstein, Sam Wortzman and Chiel Elbaum.

After a d'var Torah by Rabbi Baruch Taub of neighboring Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, philanthropist Joseph Tanenbaum, who donated the land, turned the first sod.

He was followed by co-presidents Harry Botnick and Yitz Feldman, and by building committee leaders George Hofstedter, Harry Korolnek and Kurt Rothschild.

A brief reception followed at the Spring Farm temporary quarters of Eitz Chaim Schools on Bevshire Circle.

Architect Benjamin Schultz and his design architect team have designed a building in the "post-modern style," which, gives a modern, simplified twist to classical architectural features. Arches and different colored bricks will make the schools interesting both for the children and for those with more sophisticated tastes.

The building has been designed to fit in with the surroundings, particularly with the new Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue which will be built next door.

The intention is to have a day care and pre-school classes on the ground floor, and grades 1-6 on the main floor. Executive director Joe Goldwasser says only grades 1 to 3 will function the first year, with an extra grade added in each of the three succeeding years. For the immediate future, only girls will attend the school.

The evening school will also hold classes here on a trial basis. If there is sufficient demand, Goldwasser promises, they will continue.

The grade school area will consist of eight classrooms, as well as a gym/all-purpose room, lab, computer room, library resource facility, a dining room which will also serve as a synagogue, and a kitchen.

Three pre-school and four day care rooms, all self-contained, will be located on the ground floor, as well as a conference and faculty rooms and executive offices.

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Habib will address dinner

TORONTO —

Philip Habib, special envoy of the President of the United States, will be guest speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Haifa University in honor of George A. Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada. The announcement was made last week by Neville Kirchmann, chairman of the dinner, to be held May 22 at the Sheraton Centre (CJN April 10).

A senior negotiator for the U.S. for many years, Habib has come to be known as Ronald Reagan's personal troubleshooter. In February Habib was sent to the Philippines in the midst

Philip Habib

of the crisis that had brought the country to the brink of civil war. Within days of the completion of Habib's mission, Ferdinand Marcos ended his 20-year rule of the Philippines.

Habib has won a reputation as the outstanding international peace negotiator of this decade. As early as 1968 he was a key participant in the Paris peace talks that signalled the beginning of the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam. Under Jimmy Carter he participated in the Camp David summit which led to the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

His involvement in Middle East politics continues to this day. Habib has been active in seeking a solution to the Lebanese civil war crisis and, in particular, the threat of conflict between Israel and Syria.

Kirchmann praised Ambasssdor Habib as "a man of peace, a proven diplomat who has cooled many serious international conflicts and demonstrated to the world the value of mutual cooperation and understanding."

Also at the dinner will be Ontario Premier David Peterson, honorary chairman for the evening, and federal Opposition Leader John Turner. Over 1,000 guests, including many dignitaries and well known community and corporate leaders, are expected to attend.

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Jewish Clothing Drive set

TORONTO —

Organizers of a clothing collection project on behalf of the Metro Toronto Jewish needy are requesting that members of the entire Jewish community participate in the event which will be held on two consecutive Sundays, May 18 and 25, at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

The objective of the Jewish Clothing Drive, which the organizers hope will become an annual event, is to collect "just-like-new" and good-conditioned clothing. The project is being co-sponsored by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Jewish Family & Child Services and the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

"The needs of the poor traverse ideological differences, said organizer Ernest Roll, president of the Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood.

"We are hoping that in some small way this project can help unite the Jewish community, while simultaneously assisting those in need," he said.

Members of National Conference of Synagogue Youth and the Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood will be on hand to receive the clothing at Shaarei Tefillah on May 18 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clothing will then be sorted and delivered to the JF&CS' Just-A-Second shop as well as directly to needy individuals.

Officials at JF&CS are stressing that in order to maintain the dignity of the recipients, clothing donated should preferably be in nearly new or good condition.

There is a specific need for summer clothing for children as the camp season approaches, as well as for second hand sports equipment such as baseball gloves and bicycles. Clothing for adults is also required.

The committee organizing the project is comprised of members of various Toronto synagogues. The commiteee members are: Shlome Goldreich, Israel Zlotnick, Avraham d'Ancona and Ernest Roll.

Rabbi Weber was outstanding scholar

HAMILTON —

Rabbi Yisroel Weber, spritual leader of Ohav Zedek Congregation for the past 15 years, died suddenly last month. He was in his early 50s.

Weber, a graduate of the Skokie and Chaim Berlin Yeshiva of Chicago, was also a dean of Maimonides College here. He was regarded as an outstanding Torah scholar. Weber also earned a Doctorate in Philosophy from McMaster University.

Previously, he held pulpits in St. Louis, Ottawa and Brantford.

Interred in Toronto, he was eulogized by Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, spiritual leader of Toras Emes Congregation.

Maimonides colleague Claude Billigheimer said that Rabbi Weber "was one of the few leaders of Jewish thought of our time who combined a deep understanding of the intellectual and cultural bases of the world around us with a boundless dedication to Jewish learning and observance."

Weber studied the deviation from traditional Judaism of philosophers and movements since the time of Maimonides, "laying out a path for a sound construction of a Jewish approach to modernity," Billigheimer added.

Weber is survived by his mother, in St. Louis, his wife Deborah, and children Kalman, David, Peri, Yael, and married daughter Sarah Beck.

Correction

In a story in the April 10 edition, Patricia Starr's title was listed incompletely as "National Council president." Starr is currently president of the Charitable Foundation division of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section. She is a past president of the NCJW, Toronto Section.

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Rabbi believes children must learn confidence

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Rabbi Aaron Fried believes that it is essential for a child to have a keen sense of self-worth. Without it, he asserts, a child is open to failure and wrongdoing; and with it, he has a reason to try.

Speaking on Behavior Modification Fosters Self-Esteem, the psychologist, educator and Torah scholar told an audience at Torah Emeth Synagogue that while childrearing itself is complex, the instilling of confidence, without creating arrogance, is even more delicate.

He said children must learn the kind of self-respect that says "certain actions are beneath me, and are unbecoming for me as a Jew to do less (es past nit far a Yid)."

A person's concept of self, explained Fried, begins in infancy as he learns to test his environment to see how people react to him, in an effort to master the world around him.

If he is responded to in a consistently loving and caring way, he will learn, not only that the world is a good place, but that he himself is of value.

As a child grows older, Fried warned, it is easy to lose track of what one is doing, and, with the best intentions, destroy self-esteem rather than fostering it.

Goals must be set for the child, he says, but they must meet certain criteria. They must be realistic and attainable, taking into account a child's personality, talents, abilities and age. They must be clearly stated, in terms the child can understand. Otherwise, he will come to consider himself a failure.

Most of all, parents must be consistent, the Rabbi said. A child gets confused if one day he gets away with outrageous behavior because the parent is in a good mood, but gets yelled at the next day for something very minor or even for doing something good, because the parent has had a bad day.

It is important, said Fried, not to confuse long term aspirations with short-term goals. "It is natural to want a child to be a Talmud scholar, but at age 2, one wants him to learn how to talk and organize his world in a very basic way."

A child must be given easily understood and realistic limits, Fried said, but enforcement of these limits must not cause hurt or embarrassment to him. That will lead, not to proper behavior but to rebellion.

"If a child feels that he is believed in, he is given something to live up to."

"Beware the off-the-cuff remark," warned Fried. "Sarcasm, irony or the joking, casual comment can tear into the neshama (soul) of the child."

Fried also warned against criticizing without teaching what is right, against blaming the child rather than the child's action, and, especially, against rehashing past misdeeds that have already been dealt with.

The rabbi stressed the importance of being a nurturing role model. "Teaching a child to study Talmud by hitting or yelling will teach him to hit and yell. Sitting down and studying with him will encourage him to study.

Fried said parents cannot be a role model for obedience, because children don't see parents — or adults generally — doing this mitzva. Letting your son or daughter listen to you asking a rabbi a question about Jewish law, and then doing as he instructs, is a good example for them.

A child who has developed self-esteem through consistent, clearly stated and positively applied learning techniques will have pride in himself and pride in being a Jew, said Fried. "That is the child we want to raise."

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Ostrovzer Congregation joins Shaarei Tfillah

Amalgamation sustains memory of community

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

The recent amalgamation of the Ostrovzer Congregation with the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation at 3600 Bathurst St., in Toronto, keeps alive the spiritual memory of the once-thriving Polish community of Ostrowiec (in Polish) that was liquidated on June 10, 1943.

This Jewish community was never reconstituted and few of the Jews of Ostrowiec survived.

Those who came to North America after the turn of the century, brought with them a legacy of talmudic learning from Rabbi Meir Yechezkel Halstock who was famous throughout Poland as an authority on Torah and a pillar of Jewish piety.

In 1908, the Tifereth Israel Bikur Cholim, the Ostrovzer's first synagogue, was formed in Toronto, and it served as a landsmanshaft shul, caring for the needs of this community.

Rabbi Moshe Stern

Twenty years later, the members bought a building at the corner of Cecil and Spadina, then the centre of the Jewish community in Toronto, and changed the name to Beit Hakneseth Hagadol Anshei Ostrovzer.

In 1952, the late Rabbi Dov Yehuda Shochet became the spiritual leader. The Jewish population had started its northward exodus, and in the early 1960s, the building was sold but its members were determined to remain a congregation.

The active members of the Ostrovzer Congregation — Yisroel Congregation — Yisroel Weinberg, Louis Zuker, Feivel Fidler and Izzie Green — decided that they would negotiate with the young Orthodox Shaarei Tefillah Congregation on Bathurst at Neptune.

At that time, physician Moshe Baruch Weinberg, the son of Yisroel Weinberg, was the president of Shaarei Tefillah. Weinberg, who now lives in Jerusalem with his wife and family, was interested in bringing the Ostrovzer group into his shul, but it has taken more than two decades to complete the arrangements.

The Ostrovzer Congregation, headed by Max Naiman and Moshe Fishbaum, working with the president of the Shaarei Tefillah Murray Freiberg and past president Jack Ross, successfully negotiated the final agreement.

At a meeting last September, chaired by Nachman Shemen, the executive director of the Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the final details were discussed and plans were made for the merger.

Under the guidance of Shaarei Tefillah's spiritual leader, Rabbi Moshe Stern, the merging of the two congregations has been completed. The rabbi credits lawyers Yitz Feldman and Saul Schwartz for the successful completion of the arrangements for joining the two congregations.

Previously, Anshei Apter and Anshei Libavitch amalgamated with Shaarei Tefillah. About 100 families from the Ostrovzer Congregation were represented in the recent negotiations.

"With the Ostrovzer amalgamation, we will be able to keep alive a legacy embodied in the saintly Rabbi Meir Yechezkel — a legacy that combined a love of God, a love of man, and a love of Israel," Stern said.

On the 21st day of Adar (March 30), the yartzeit of Rabbi Meir Yechezkel, a commemorative service and breakfast was held at the synagogue.

The breakfast to honor the last Ostrovzer rabbi was chaired by Shemen. Rabbi Wolfe Gordon, formerly with the Associated Hebrew Day Schools, spoke of the great piety of the rabbi and Rabbi Stern gave a Torah discourse and analysis from the legacy of the rebbe.

The original cornerstone from the Ostrovzer Congregation will be placed with the cornerstones of the Anshei Apter and Anshe Libavavitch at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Beth Tzedec's Surdin to be honored at dinner

TORONTO —

Beth Tzedec Synagogue president Jules Surdin will be honored by the synagogue on behalf of State of Israel Bonds at a tribute dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 25, the Bonds Organization has announced.

Surdin, an active community leader, is being honored by Beth Tzedec in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of its founding congregations.

He has served as president of Beth Tzedec for the past two years. He joined Beth Hamidrash Hagdol (McCaul Shul) 35 years ago and continued after their amalgamation with Goel Tzedec to form Beth Tzedec in 1952.

Surdin created a Beth Tzedek tradition of remembering Yom Hashoa by lighting a memorial candle which is hand-delivered to about 2,500 members who in turn send in donations to save lives in foreign lands.

Jules Surdin

In the past three years, this theme Remember the Holocaust — Save Lives Now helped raise about $25,000.

Surdin is also largely responsible for initiating the Holocaust Wall Memorial Centennial project currently being organized as a cooperative effort with the tribute dinner.

He is currently involved with Israel Bonds, the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Bar-Ilan University and the United Jewish Appeal.

He is also a member of Ajalon Lodge Zionist Organization, Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith, Mount Sinai Lodge Masons, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto, Vice-president of the Baycrest Men's Service Group and a past president of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Metropolitan Toronto.

The Tribute Chairman is Joseph Kerzner and the Dinner Chairman is Donald Carr.

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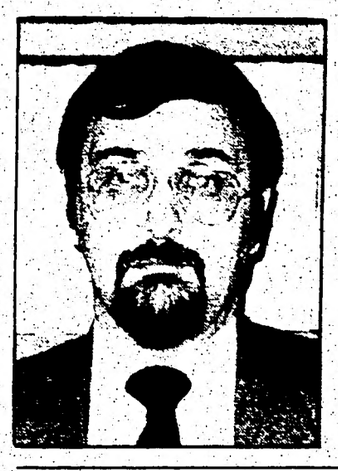

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Passover Greetings

Scharanskys' dream a reality . . . this year in Jerusalem

Pesach means daring to keep alive our hope

RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN of Toronto's Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue says that the message of Pesach for Jews throughout the ages, even during the darkest times, has been never to give up the hope for eventual redemption in a better tomorrow and a better world.

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It is not very often that a North American popular song with a title and words that have a universal message long outlives the mass appeal of the song itself. I am referring to what was the hit song of the Broadway play, The Man of La Mancha — The Impossible Dream.

As we look forward to celebrate Pesach 5746, there are certain individuals and citizens of at least two countries who have recognized that for them the impossible dream became an exciting reality.

For Anatoly and Avital Scharansky, this Pesach seder will be the culmination of a long struggle and the realization of their dream, shared by so many others throughout the world. Millions of citizens of two countries, Haiti and the Philippines, do not celebrate Pesach. Yet, they must have a tremendous sense of gratitude for having finally achieved more freedom as they threw off many vestiges of bondage in a greater degree than they ever dared anticipate several months ago.

On Yom Kippur 5746, I suggested that for the Jews throughout the world the very existence and achievements of the State of Israel is the realization of an impossible dream. This is part and parcel of Jewish history. For thousands of years Jews have sat down at the seder table to celebrate the exodus from Egypt which was the first successful battle for political and religious freedom. Even at times when the future did not look bright for the Jewish people, we never gave up hope for eventual redemption in a better tomorrow and a better world.

At the seder, the first paragraph after the kiddush contains the sentences "This year we are slaves, next year we will be free. This year we are here, next year in Jerusalem." This was always said with a great deal of hope and fervor but it was not until 1948 that from free parts of the world a Jew could make up his mind that he would be in Jerusalem next year.

Can you imagine how these words helped Scharansky in his nine years of prison, and what they will mean to him, his family and friends this year?

Pesach is an exclusive Jewish holiday because it relates to the Exodus of the Jews from Egypt. However, it has always had universal applications. The Jew has always played a prominent role either within or in relationship to the most powerful nations of the world. When one studies history, it is possible to measure the barometer of a country's well being by the way they treat Jews. Mighty empires which persecuted our peoples have eventually disappeared from the face of the earth, while the Jewish people have continued to dream of their return to Zion, and finally realized it.

Pesach also has universal applications because it marked the first successful battle for religious and political freedom for enslaved people. This battle is still being raged in certain parts of the earth.

The rituals of the seder itself and the very essence of Jewish theology always inspired the Jew to be concerned for the well being and peace of all nations of the world. Even though we were slaves in Egypt, we never sought revenge upon them or received any satisfaction if other peoples or nations suffer.

The Pesach seder has a message of hope for the redemption of all enslaved people in all corners of the earth. When we talk about redemption, it is not only for the Jews in Arab countries and behind the Iron Curtain, but we would like to see all people become free.

Many things have happened in the world the past few months. 1986 has seen renewed hope for all of mankind. All of us were caught up in the euphoria and excitement in the release of Anatoly Scharansky which captured the attention of people in all corners of the earth. It proved conclusively that a single individual with perseverence, faith, strength and in this case, a dream of going to Zion and Jerusalem, could overcome the attempts of the Soviet KGB to destroy his spirit.

Anatoly and Anital Scharansky have realized their "impossible dream" and they will be celebrating Pesach together — in Jerusalem.

Scharansky's victory is of one individual. There are many Refuseniks and Soviet Jews for whom the struggle is continuing. We, the Jews, and the people throughout the world must continue to give support and express our strong feelings about human rights in the Soviet Union.

On the world scene, freedom-loving people rejoice in new conditions in Haiti when the dictator Duvalier was forced to leave. In the Philippines another miracle took place. Here there was a change of government and the voluntary exile of a dictator. The miracle is that it came to a dramatic conclusion without any bloodshed or violence.

Pesach marks the celebration of the establishment of the Jewish people as a nation. The process began within the confines of the Jewish home and family to teach us that the vitality and strength of Judaism are found and maintained in the family.

On Pesach we are very orientated to family celebration and togetherness. Every family has goals and aspirations for all its members relating both to material and spiritual development. At the same time, we are also members of the community at large. This includes being good citizens of Canada, devoted members of the synagogue and Jewish community and supporters of Israel and the Jewish people throughout the world.

As we sit down to seder, we will express our hopes for freedom for ourselves, fellow Jews and people throughout the world. The Pesach seder always ends with the hope of freedom for all enslaved people and the redemption of all mankind. Events in recent months have shown that impossible dreams can become possible for individuals and nations of the world.

Time to include a fifth cup of wine for Israel?

By
YITZCHAK DINUR

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The four mandatory glasses of wine at the Passover seder, unlike the four questions and four sons in the recitation of the Haggadah, are symbols rather than narrative elements. As such, they lend themselves to the suggestion that a further symbolic element be added to this ritual of the Festival of Freedom.

The suggestion by the eminent, late Rabbi Menachem Mendel Kasher is that an additional — fifth — cup of wine be added to the ceremony, accompanied by a prayer for the State of Israel.

The four glasses of wine not only mark the joyous nature of Passover, but are testimonial symbols for the four terms of redemption used in the Bible (Exodus 6:6-7) when speaking of the Exodus from Egypt:

"And I will *bring you* from under the Egyptians, and I will *deliver you* from their bondage, and I will *redeem you* with an outstretched arm . . . and I will *take you unto me* for a people . . ."

These biblical promises are understood to refer both to the historical exodus from Egypt and to redemption from all later Jewish dispersions.

Antique silver ceremonial objects for Passover, part of the collection of the Hechai Shlomo Museum in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Kasher, who died in 1983, was a distinguished figure at first associated with the anti-Zionist Gerer Rebbe but later a great supporter of the State of Israel. He produced two annotated Passover Haggadot, the Eretz Israel Haggadah (1950) and the Haggadah Shlemah — (Complete Haggadah) in 1955, containing all the commentaries ever written on the Haggadah. In these volumes he raised the idea of a fifth glass of wine at the seder.

The scholar based himself on a passage in Exodus 6:8, which states that I will *bring you* into the Land." He fervently felt that this connected appropriately with the establishment of Israel and could well be added to the Passover Haggadah and ceremony, which already mention other deliverances accorded the Jewish people, even if they did not occur around Passover.

Of course, such a passage did not go unnoticed through centuries of Jewish Bible study, and the rabbi was easily able to support his suggestion with references to recommendations of Jewish sages throughout the ages.

He quoted the earliest rabbis, such as Rabbi Terfon in Mishnaic times (towards the end of the 1st century), Shirira Gaon in Babylonian times, Rashi in the 11th century, Maimonides, Rabbi Loewe of Prague (the maker of the legendary Golem) in the 16th century and many others, all of whom were in favor of a fifth glass of wine to symbolize the future redemption.

Kasher had moved closer to that part of Orthodoxy that was Zionist and participated in the establishment of Israel. He held that Israel's establishment was the beginning of the era of Messianic redemption, and this made it supremely worthy of being included in the Passover seder.

Although many Jews today include special prayers for the State of Israel in their celebration of Passover, the idea of the fifth cup has yet to gain general acceptance. Haggadot of kibbutzim whose text and format have been recast, still retain the four glasses of wine and their symbolism.

The Haggadah of the Hashomer Hatzair kibbutzim, for example, assigns a meaning to each glass of wine. The first glass is designated "a cup of deliverance to commemorate the Exodus from Egypt, from dispersion to redemption, from subservience in other kingdoms to freedom in our land, to life and deliverance." Even this does not mention the State of Israel as such.

Among such groups for whom Israel is the focus of existence, a fifth glass specifically connected with Israel would seem to be a natural feature and a welcome addition to the seder. And, as Kasher did not neglect to mention in his essay on the topic, the fifth cup might also serve to further quench the thirst of those who have a taste for wine!

חג שמח

Seder plate's items stir the curiosity

By
ABRAHAM RZEPKOWIZ

Pesach involves many practices and affords many lessons. The entire seder is full of symbols to stir the curiosity of all participants. And central to the occasion is the Seder plate, with each item playing its role in the ceremonies and festivities of the occasion.

In the upper left portion of the seder plate, the burnt egg sits mutely. As the seder proceeds, thinking of the upcoming egg in salt-water makes the mouth water, as one considers the tasty entree soon to be served. However, the reason for the egg at the seder goes beyond the role of a menu filler.

The most apparent reason for the egg can be seen in its being paired with shankbone in the upper part of the plate. The shankbone represents the Paschal lamb which was sacrificed on the 14th of Nisan and eaten that evening.

Together with Paschal lamb, the people brought a special festival offering. The reason of this special sacrifice, as deducted from biblical passages, was to assure that there would be enough meat for the holiday meal of the seder (Pesahim 70b).

In fact, it was the practice of the Vilna Gaon to eat the egg off the seder plate specifically in commemoration of the Festival offering in the days of the Temple (see Orach Hayim 476).

The use of the egg to represent the Hagigah is specifically mentioned in the Talmud (Pesahim 114b). However, other sages and later commentators point out that any piece of cooked meat would serve the purpose admirably (see Maimonides Hilchot Hametz u-Matzoh 8:1).

As long as the meat was not roasted like the actual sacrifice, its use to represent an offering which was itself implemented to provide meat is eminently logical. Yet, the egg must have been pretty hardboiled to have retained the role of the favorite symbol through the centuries. What is so special about the egg?

Different authorities have suggested their individual interpretations. The Ibn Ezra suggests that it indicates a stand in contradiction to the ancient Egyptian practice of not eating any food of an animal source (Exodus 8:22).

Rabbi Moshe Sofer (1763-1839), in a homiletic vein, views the egg, which hardens with cooking, as paralleling the Jewish people, who become strengthened in the face of adversity.

More recently, Rabbi Eliyahu Kitov suggested that just as the egg has no mouth, the Almighty should shut the mouths of those who say, Heaven forbid, that there will be no Redemption. Others points to the Aramaic word for egg, beah, which also means supplication.

Such explanations serve a very edifying purpose, but in seeking some roots for the use of the egg in actual, living practice, a body of commentary has turned to the traditional mourning practices. The first meal of the mourner after the funeral is, traditionally, egg and ashes.

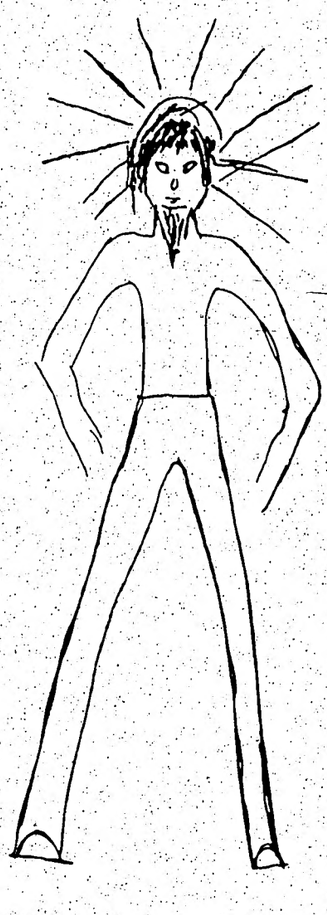
In Tractate Baba Batra (16b), the egg is mentioned as having no mouth just as the mourner, who, ultimately, may not open his mouth to complain against the destiny of all men.

In the Shulchan Aruch, both the Rama (476) and the Taz (473) remark how the egg serves as a sad reminder of the loss of the Holy Temple and the Paschal lamb. The Rama points out that the first day of Pesach is always the same day of the week as Tisha b'Av, when the Holy Temple was destroyed.

Others seek a positive view of the egg. Some note how the egg is the start of life, used at the Seder to mark the start of the Jewish people. It also serves to represent the hopeful mood the springtime, harvest season and the aspirations for redemption essential to the holiday.

One may consider the unusual commandment of taking the eggs or fledglings from the nest that one happens to find on one's way (Deuteronomy 22:6). From the perspective of its context in the Torah, the situation of the nest can be seen to parallel the circumstances of the Jews in Egypt.

The Almighty recalled his people and their suffering, and just as the wayfarer does not ignore the nest, so G-d did not ignore his fledgling nation and took them under his protection. This is the redemption that we celebrate on Pesach.



VISUAL DEITY

Pictures of God drawn by children are part of psychologist David Heller's new book The Children's God. Dr. Heller found that children usually visualize the deity as male, although girls tend to see God as esthetic and intimate. At left, a 7-year-old draws a mustachioed God and at right, a 12-year-old draws a male God of power. [Religious News Service photo]

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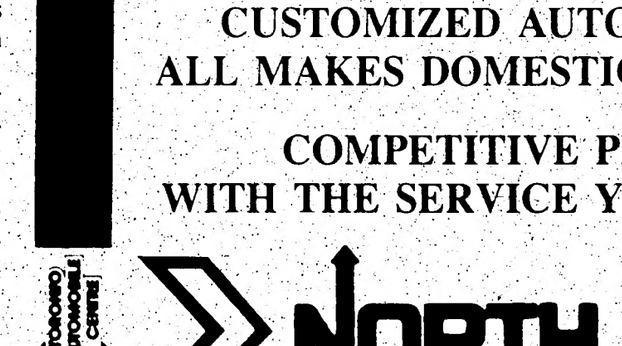

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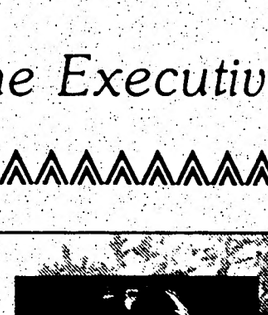

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Uses clay sculptures to bring story to life

Filmmakers turn Haggadah into video cassette

By CAROL GREEN
JERUSALEM (WZPS) —

How do you get today's kids excited about the story of Passover? All too frequently, the drama of the Exodus is forgotten because no one at the seder table is familiar enough with the Haggadah to be able to retell the tale with proper enthusiasm.

In too many families, father or grandfather trips over the difficult Hebrew words as everyone else pushes him to finish up quickly so that they can get down to the serious business of eating and drinking.

But if a group of Israeli filmmakers has its way, scenes like this one will soon become a thing of the past. A team called Jerusalem Productions has decided that the Haggadah is ripe for a new translation — into language today's young people can relate to. For a generation of junior video junkies, that means the language of the electronic media.

The production team, headed by scriptwriter and producer Uri Shinar and animator Roni Oren has collaborated on The Animated Haggadah, the first-ever full color video cassette version of the Passover tale.

At first the idea of a video Haggadah may sound a bit sacrilegious, but producer Shinar insists that he is firmly in line with tradition. "Our sages teach that in every generation, each individual is bound to regard himself as if he had personally gone forth from Egypt," he explains.

Shinar points out that our sages designed the seder ceremony, with its curious foods and rituals, to incite the curiosity of the young people at the table and to get them to ask the proverbial question, "why is this night different from all other nights?"

Like the ancient text upon which it is based, The Animated Haggadah is designed to teach children. Aimed primarily at youngsters between the ages of 3 and 9, the video uses charming soft clay animations to bring the Passover story to life. "Clay soft sculptures are non-threatening and young children enjoy them," explains Shinar.

The Animated Haggadah opens in much the same way the Haggadah is opened at home, with a family seated around the seder table. Goaded by questions from his slightly cynical 12-year-old grandson Danny, Grandpa Sam tells the story of our forefathers' exodus from Egypt. Like most kids, Danny isn't too sure at first why everyone has gotten together to talk about something that happened thousands of years ago. He is puzzled by the seder table and its odd culinary repast.

"Check this out, roasted egg, bitter herb . . . not one normal piece of food and here I am wondering how long until we eat," he comments with typical 12-year-old aplomb.

As Grandpa Sam begins to describe the events that lead up to our forefathers' deliverance from Egypt, The Animated Haggadah brings them to life. Suddenly we are back in the land of the Pharaohs. We watch nervously as Jacob and his sons go down to Egypt. We cringe as their descendants are taken into slavery by the evil Pharaoh. And we cheer as our ancestors are redeemed through a series of fantastic miracles culminating with the ten plagues. Even the cynical Danny is mesmerized by the tale.

The Animated Haggadah uses simple language and a light touch to relate its profound messages. The Haggadah's four sons, for example, are portrayed by one animated character with four faces, to illustrate that each son represents one side of the human personality. Sometimes The Animated Haggadah is simply whimsical, as when Jacob and his sons prepare for their descent into Egypt — via Jumbo jet.

Accompanying the film is a musical score written by composer Andre Haidu. Based on an amalgam of classical and Jewish influences, the score attempts to be a musical rendering of the Exodus, also a first of its kind. The entire production is 27 minutes long and is available in English, Hebrew, French and Spanish.

The Animated Haggadah is the work of a unique production company. Founded less than a year ago, Jerusalem Productions is already a leading innovator in the use of film for Jewish education.

Its staff of filmmakers first got together while working for Gesher, an Israeli organization which promotes public awareness of basic Jewish concepts. While still at Gesher, the group produced the award winning film Lights, a full length animated feature based on the Chanukah story.

The Animated Haggadah is part of a series of materials that Jerusalem Productions is working to bring Jewish tradition to life for the modern youth. The company's address is 23 Abarbanel St. Jerusalem 92477, Israel.

Ads a look into Israeli life

JERUSALEM —

Some of the most interesting insights into Israeli life and habits can be gleaned from the surreptitious form of advertising which gets through to the public by way of the euphemistically termed "service broadcasts."

These paid short advertisements are accepted by the Broadcasting Authority from almost any body, organization or group not run for private profit.

Thus, Israelis are exhorted to gamble more on the state-run lotteries, eat more locally grown fruit, use less electricity, pay their licence fees on time or support such community organizations.

The newest service broadcast soon to grace TV screens in Israel will be a rather unusual one — offering advice and help to rape victims and potential victims.

The film, produced by the four rape crisis centres operating in different parts of the country — all staffed by volunteers — aims to scotch the popular myth that a woman who has been raped must have behaved provocatively in some way and is therfore partly to blame for what happened.

The film urges women not to panic if attacked and also tries to give some practical help, such as telling women where they can turn for support.

The increasing incidence of rape in the country has at last been matched by some positive steps by the authorities — again under pressure from women's groups — with regard to what happens after an attack.

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Alienation a problem for many young Jews

By
RABBI
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One of the most distressing problems in our age is that of alienation. There are so many people who cannot relate to anyone or anything. Loneliness is their curse. They have no feeling of belonging and are thus very insecure.

In days gone by this was never a Jewish problem. The Jew, even though he was beset by difficulties from without, always had an inner security which allowed him to relate and never feel empty. Nowadays, this is no longer the case. Many young Jews are suffering from a sense of alienation. Why shold this be so?

Freedom confused as an end, not as a means

In Hebrew there are three words for Freedom: cherus, dror, and chofesh. Cherus is the only one of the three which is associated with Pesach. Pesach, the Holiday of Freedom, is always referred to as zeman cherusainu. The words dror and chofesh are never used in conjunction with Pesach.

This, I believe, is deliberate, because dror and chofesh connote a type of freedom which is not compatible with the Jewish ideal of freedom.

Freedom is not a single concept. We use the words in two basically conflicting ways. We even note this in English by using the expressions "freedom of" and "freedom from." We speak of freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, but we speak of freedom from hunger, freedom from fear. The freedom of and the freedom from are two different types of freedom.

Freedom of, speaks of freedom as an absolute. It says that freedom in itself is a goal and not a means to achieve other goals. It says that if I am free, then I must have no obligations. The happiest person is one who has no restraints and that only by being absolutely free can I be absolutely happy.

Freedom from, on the other hand, speaks about freedom as a means and not a goal. It says if I am free from hunger I can do good. If I am free from fear then I can choose right. Anything which stops me from choosing the good and the right is wrong because I must always have the power at all times to choose between good and evil.

In Judaism, those who most obligate themselves are the happiest. Those who do most mitzvahs are the most praiseworthy. That is why I believe chofesh and dror are not used in conjunction with Pesach. The type of freedom which they denote is associated with momentary lessening of obligations. Freedom to the Jew means the privilege of assuming obligations, not of being completely devoid of them.

In fact, the whole Pesach holiday, especially the seder, revolves around this theme. The number four predominates throughout the seder. There are the four questions, the four cups of wine, the four sons, the four names of Pesach itself, the four virtues by which the Jews in Egypt, according to the Midrash, made themselves worthy to be redeemed.

Four, in Hebrew, stands for the family. In Judaism each family is supposed to have a minimum of one boy and one girl. The number four occurs over and over again to remind us that none of us is really free unless we have a family to which we belong and for whom we can assume obligations.

The Jewish people in Egypt were commanded to gather together in their homes with their families and to place a smattering of lamb's blood on their doorposts. This was to teach them and us that in Judaism, all thoughts of blood, thrills, and horror are to be cast outside its doors. We are to concern ourselves with our family and community.

Unfortunately, in our day, many of our young people have confused the concept of freedom as an end and not as a means. They want to free themselves from all obligations and, because of this, they are terribly alienated and lonely.

In order to dispel this loneliness, many are concentrating on thrills and horrors which Jews long ago were told to cast outside their homes. Freedom for Judaism is a means. It enables us to assume greater and greater mitzvahs and obligations, so we become a better and a more compassionate people.

Let us hope and pray that many of our people will soon realize this and thus, loneliness and alienation are temporary conditions.

Haifa now boasts new shopping mall

HAIFA —

Tourists to Haifa who have in the past been disappointed by the scruffy shops and flyblown window displays in the town can now enjoy a truly European style shopping mall on the Central Carmel.

The Panorama Centre, on two floors, includes elegant boutiques, a restaurant, a supermarket, a bookshop, a hairdressing salon and a branch of the Kolbo Shalom department store. Shoppers can stroll, sheltered by a glass-domed roof, or can relax by the ornamental fountains.

A glass lift to the observation roof also serves as a link with the rest of the Panorama Centre complex, which includes an hotel and luxury flats.

It is proving an attraction for visitors and residents alike, with its superb view over Haifa Bay. On a clear day one can see as far as the hills of Galilee.

Some Haifa residents have noted, however, that the Panorama Centre was completed a great deal faster than the new west wing of the Rothschild Hospital, whose shell has stood unfinished for lack of funds for the past five years.

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The entrance gates to Mauthausen concentration camp with SS command headquarters at right.

Mauthausen... a chilling reminder

By
DR. PHILIP BERGER

MAUTHAUSEN, Austria

Less than 300 kilometres northeast of Dachau and three kilometres from the Danube river, the Mauthausen concentration camp sits heavily on a hilltop plateau. The road leading to the fortress-like Mauthausen travels through industrial and farmland areas and winds up to the camp from where there is a panoramic view of the countryside.

On Aug. 8, 1938, Dachau prisoners transferred to the stone quarry "Wiener Graben" in northwestern Austria began construction of Mauthausen. Until 1943 the main work was building the camp and in the stone quarry. Thereafter prisoners worked in armament camps.

The central camp for all Austria (known by the SS as "Mother Camp") Mauthausen had 49 subcamps and served as a transportation centre for prisoners to and from other major concentration camps. By the time of its liberation on May 5, 1945, 206,000 people had spent time in Mauthausen, of whom over 110,000 perished.

The visitor's entrance is through the imposing garage area with its broad stone walls and guard towers. A wall plaque near the steps leading to the only camp gates salutes the American army division that liberated Mauthausen. Just beyond the steps is a statue commemorating a Soviet army general who died following deliberate cold water exposure. And widely surrounding the original road leading to the gates are memorials from 15 nations.

The Jewish Monument stands forcefully between the national memorials at a fork in the road. The universality of the Holocaust and its specificity to Jews are evident. It is a constant theme at Mauthausen.

The heavy wooden gates protected on either side by wide guard towers lead to the roll call ground where prisoners were assembled and where public executions took place. The roll call area is surrounded by all remaining camp buildings and by the camp walls with its towers and electrically charged barbed wire. The walls are intact and impenetrable as the minds of the SS guards who manned the watchtowers.

One original prisoner hut remains which housed the kitchen personnel. Cemeteries containing mass graves mark the area of the quarantine huts. There is a Jewish cemetery where over 1,200 people are buried.

Another mass grave lies under the hut area where meetings were held of the International Resistance Organizations (formed in the summer of 1943). Armed prisoner military formations were established in early 1945 and in the final days before liberation fought retreating SS members.

Hospital used as a museum

There is no cemetery over the site housing the 4,300 Soviet "K" prisoners. "K" prisoners (for "Kugel" meaning bullet) were slated for shooting but in fact most starved to death.

The New Hospital or Sick Quarter, built in 1944, is used as the camp museum. The history of Nazism in Austria and the operations of the camp are chronicled in 134 exhibits. Numerous documents are displayed including Nazi correspondence, prisoner registers, figures on medical experiments, transport lists of Jewish prisoners and illegal prisoner drawings.

The museum exit leads to a series of cold connected rooms in the basement of the Sick Quarter. Here looming starkly are the gas chamber, three crematoria, the corner where prisoners were shot, the mortuary where bodies were piled and the dissecting table where gold teeth were extracted.

The museum has an exhibit of an original canister containing neutralized Zyklon B crystals which produced the gas piped in through a shaft still present in the gas chamber.

Adjoining the museum is the camp jail which held 4,600 prisoners from 1939-1945 — mostly Allied soldiers and prominent European politicians. Forty-two hundred were executed.

Next to the jail below the laundry, a multitude of crowded shower heads hang from the high ceiling of the bath area used to disinfect new prisoners. Beyond the laundry is the "Waiting Wall" (adjacent to the camp gates) where newcomers were lined up, interrogated and left standing facing the wall for hours or days. The iron rings used to chain prisoners are still on the wall.

The stone quarry is reached only by walking down the 186 "death steps." Until 1942, randomly piled rocks and boulders formed the steps on which many prisoners were crushed to death by falling boulders.

Overlooking the quarry are raspberry bushes where many Dutch Jews were led to death. The bushes grow near a cliff forming part of the quarry wall. The SS called it "parachutists' cliff." Using yet another perverse euphemism the SS ordered prisoners to go raspberry picking. Inmates were then taken through the raspberry bushes to the cliff and thrown over alive or after being shot.

Lush meadows and farm crops now cover the slope where mass shootings took place, the hill where ashes were dumped and the site of the tent camp where Hungarian Jews were imprisoned with no water or washing facilities.

Walking over mass graves and sites of execution one feels like an intruder into the lives of the victims, wondering if this intrusion does justice to their memory. But a visit to Mauthausen brings one closer to the Holocaust — a connection as primary and essential as the linkage of Jews to any other moment in Jewish history. Both secular and religious Jews for generations to come must integrate the Holocaust into their understanding of Judaism.

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Israel gov't seeks Jewish—Arab understanding

Education campaign promotes democratic values

By
SUSAN LONDON

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — There is no question that 1985 was a bad year for Jewish-Arab relations in Israel. It was a year that saw an escalation in Palestinian terrorism against Israelis.

More significantly, terrorism assumed new and more frightening forms than before. In addition to planting bombs in public places, terrorists last year employed the old-new tactics of attacking Israelis in streets and market places with knives and guns. As many as 12 Israeli civilians and five soldiers were killed by such "personal" attacks last year.

Meanwhile, anti-Arab emotions on the Jewish side soared last year as never before, reaching a climax in a rampage against Arabs in the town of Afula last August, when three residents of the town were slain by Arabs in two separate incidents. The people of Afula then struck out against their Arab Neighbors randomly, even attacking some Jewish passersby who were mistaken for Arabs.

But if there is a light at the end of the tunnel it might be seen in the heightened awareness these events aroused in the Israeli public toward the importance of tolerance and peaceful coexistence between the two peoples in Israel. And the awareness has bred action, in the form of an educational campaign to advance democratic values.

When Education Minister Yitzhak Navon announced that the current school-year would be devoted to the theme of "democracy," his declaration had some sound foundations to lean on.

As many as 47 different organizations had already been working throughout the country to advance Jewish-Arab coexistence. Most notably, the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, an independent organization devoted to education and social affairs, had been collaborating with the ministry of education on the preparation of curricula for the school system.

One out of every six Israeli citizens is an Arab, or some 750,000 people in a population of 4.5 million. Since the Six-Day War in 1967, another 1.3 million Arabs have been living under Israeli rule in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The fact that some of the Arabs living in Israel are citizens of the state, who enjoy full civil rights, while others are living under a military administration, causes some confusion in the minds of young Israelis, educators say.

"The teenagers growing up today were born after 1967," explains Alouph Hareven, a program director at Van Leer. It is difficult to teach them democratic values, he adds, because "they grow up with a double message: democracy for some of the residents, non-democracy for more than a million Arabs. So they learn that the Arab doesn't deserve anything."

One indication of the rejection of democratic values by some Israelis is the support for the anti-Arab, American Rabbi Meir Kahane. Kahane was elected to the Knesset in 1984 on a platform that called for the expulsion of all Arabs from Israel and the administered territories. Studies have shown that Kahane is widely supported by young people.

But while students' positions become more extreme, their teachers become more alarmed and interested in learning ways to respond to extremism. Educators at Van Leer have reported that interest in their coexistence programs grew after Kahane was elected.

The organizations that promote coexistence can be characterized by two basic approaches. One can be called the academic approach. It focuses on developing classroom curricula and teaching teachers how to use it. The other approach focuses on actions more than on studying, and teaches democracy by bringing people of different backgrounds together for joint activities.

The academic approach is best represented by the Van Leer Institute, which develops curricula on Arab-Jewish relations for all levels of schooling. At each level the subject is presented in a way that can be best understood by the appropriate age group, and tied into other subjects studied in that grade.

Lower-elementary classes, for example, learn through stories and pictures. Intermediate classes learn through geography, and high school students take a broader approach, including history, politics and government.

But the first step in the process of bringing such programs into the classroom is educating the teachers. Educators who work with teachers at the earliest stages of the program report that it is difficult to enlist teachers' emotional involvement in "sensitive" subjects, even though there is initial interest. "Teachers want to learn the subject," says Maya Kahanov of Van Leer. "They want lectures and classes. Only slowly do they start opening up and becoming really involved."

The "active" approach is well represented by Interns for Peace, an organization that works directly with Arab and Jewish communities and not necessarily through the school system. The Interns organize family picnics, sports events and mutual visits of Arab and Jews.

Tami Kruch, an Intern, describes how attitude changes are generated by actions. Some teachers aren't interested at first," she says. "But once they see the enthusiasm of the kids who participate in activities together, they change their minds."

Seen here (from left) a Christian Arab, a Moslem Arab and an Israeli Jew talk to an American Jewish volunteer during a coffee break at a Neve Shalom seminar held to teach tolerance and coexistence. Neve Shalom is a settlement near Jerusalem where Jews and Arabs live together.

In some rare cases, education on Arab-Jewish relations begins with the natural curiosity neighbors have about each other. Yehuda Wagner, principal of the Amirim primary school in the northern Jewish town of Kiryat Yam, befriended Joudi Sabah Haj, vice-principal of a school in the nearby Arab village of Iblin, when they both participated in a principal-training course. Their personal friendship grew into mutual visits of their families.

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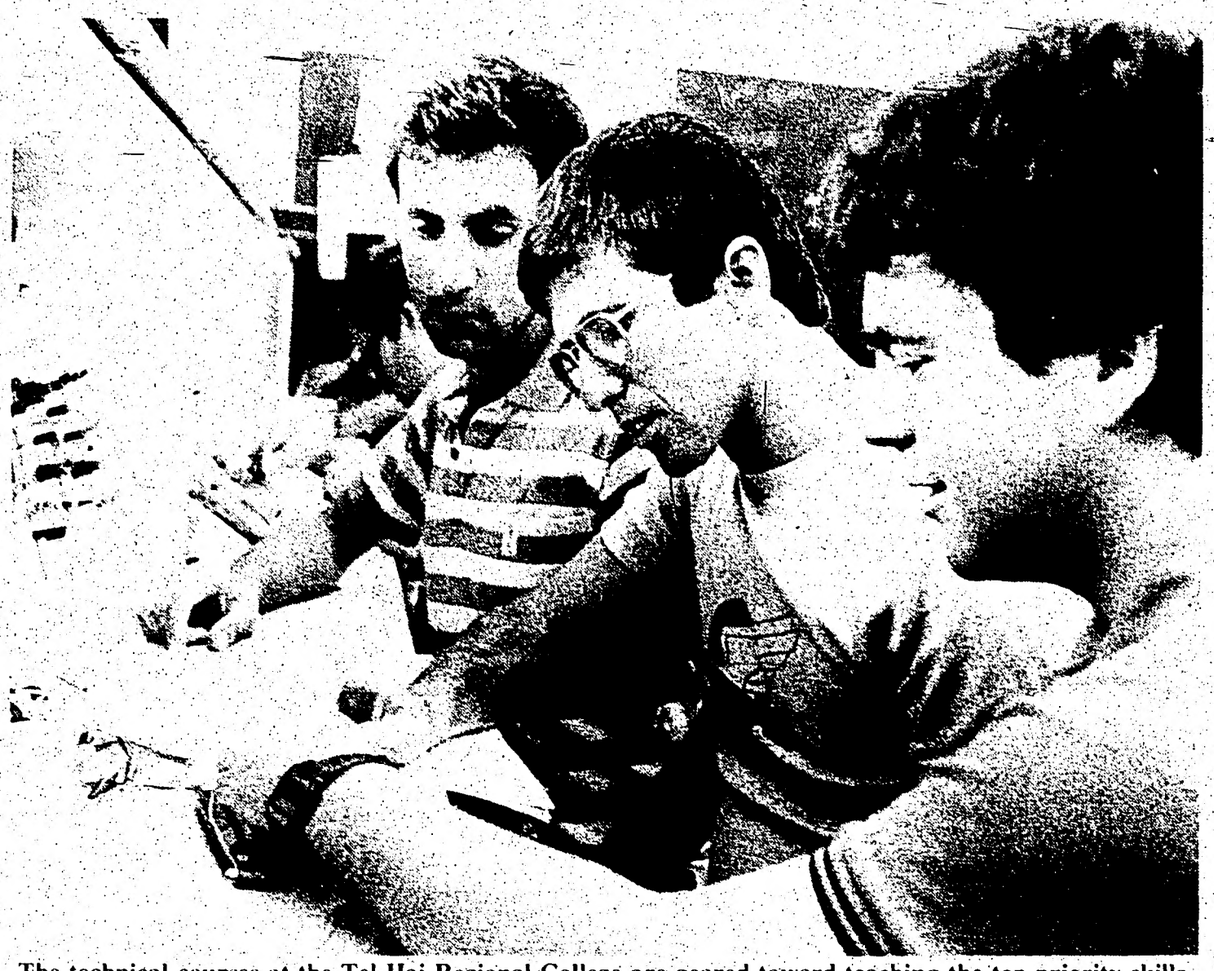
Settlers' spirit admired

Tel-Hai provides learning centre

By
JANET MOSHE



The technical courses at the Tel-Hai Regional College are geared toward teaching the top priority skills in the labor market.

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — The heroic defence of the tiny Galilee settlement of Tel-Hai against an Arab attack in 1920 has left its imprint on the annals of Zionism. Its stockade and cemetery are visited yearly by thousands who admire the steadfast spirit that propelled its settlers, first to defend Tel-Hai, and then to return to resettle it less than a year after they were forced to abandon their homes.

Sixty-six years after the defeat of Tel-Hai and the death of six of its defenders, including Joseph Trumpeldor, a more prosaic achievement is being added to the historical and idealistic significance of Tel-Hai. The Tel-Hai Regional College founded at the site in 1960 is bringing higher education to the hills of the Galilee.

In addition to the great-grandchildren of those who fought to farm these hills, many students from all corners of Israel — 2,500 in all — are being attracted to studies at the college.

"For many years, the Galilee has faced problems of isolation and distance from the centre of Israel," says Herzl Ben-Asher, dean of students as well as secretary of the college. Ben-Asher, resident of nearby Kiryat Shemona explains that bright students from Kiryat Shemona and other development towns usually travel to the centre of the country to learn professional skills and very often do not return to build up the work force of the Galilee.

"At Tel-Hai, we are trying to overcome the exodus of talented people by providing a local learning centre for residents," he says. It is hoped that young, skilled workers will remain at home in the Galilee, and many of the technical courses offered at Tel-Hai will provide tools needed in the local market.

Ben-Asher explains that even more serious than the security risks of living on the Lebanese border are the problems that gnaw at life in Galilee development towns. Unemployment is rampant today in the Galilee, and that is why Tel-Hai must tailor its courses to teach skills that are of top priority in the labor market," he says.

Tel-Hai functions as a branch of Haifa University, with hundreds of students studying academic subjects toward a variety of degrees. Taking into account the outstanding agriculture of the Galilee, the Regional College's Institute of Agricultural Research (under the auspices of the Hebrew University) enables local farmers to take courses closer to home. Well-equipped laboratories also provide local agronomists with facilities to study new crops, orchards, soil and water.

According to Ben-Asher, Israeli society has an obligation to ex-soldiers who have served their country, and one of the most innovative programs at Tel-Hai is a National Preparatory School for Demobilized Soldiers. The program attracts veterans from all over the country who have not completed high school, annually helping nearly 400 demobilized soldiers to buckle down and prepare for a career.

Tel-Hai's remedial courses give soldiers a second chance at an education, often leading to employment opportunities as well as advanced educational pursuits. Dormitory facilities are provided in Kiryat Shemona in the form of rental apartments, and the very presence of the students in town in exerting a positive influence. This program has already earned the college the prestigious President's Award for its achievements.

Creativity and expression are also being encouraged in the Galilee within the well-known Arts Institute at Tel-Hai. Over 1,000 students, ranging in age from their teens to well past retirement age squeeze into courses including plastic arts, painting, sculpture, photography, textile, dance and drama at the institute's small facility. The vitality of the students help to provide a creative environment that makes up for the limited physical space available.

And framed up high in the hills of the Galilee, the natural setting of the campus of Tel-Hai is itself inspirational. With the Regional College located only a stone's throw from the settlement's original stockade and the cemetery in which its defenders are buried, it is obvious that Tel-Hai will have innumberable lessons, both old and new to teach for many years to come.

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History of Herodium recounted

Herod's towering fortress palace still astounds

By
DIANE GREENBERG

JERUSALEM (WZPS)—Perched on top of a volcano-shaped mountain, Herodium is a magnificent towering fortress palace. It was built in 23 BCE by Herod, the most prolific and probably the greatest builder in this region. Only eight miles from Jerusalem, Herodium is surrounded by the barren Judean desert and the views from the summit, 2,600 feet in the air, are astounding.

From one side Jerusalem and the ancient town of Bethlehem appear in golden splendor and from the other side, the great valley of the Dead Sea and the distant mountains of Moab create an awe-inspiring landscape.

Josephus, the 1st century social historian, in his Jewish Antiquities presents his impressions of Herodium: "It has round towers and a steep ascent formed of 200 steps of hewn stone. Within it are costly apartments made for security and ornament at the same time. This fortress . . . is naturally strong."

The fortress actually consists of two concentric walls with four round towers. It is palatial and elegant inside with red marble and black stone which was brought from the Dead Sea. Remains of frescoes and marble pavements in black and white mosaic have been found there.

The palace was divided into two sections: One part was gardens and courtyards and the other was the living quarters, with sleeping and living rooms and an official reception and dining hall, 435 feet long. During the First Jewish Revolt against the Romans this room was transformed into a synagogue.

There is a complete Roman bathhouse, an essential feature of Hellenistic gracious living. Here, Herod and his entourage could enjoy the comforts of the bath. The hot room or calidarium is a large, barrel-vaulted room. Next there is the tepidarium — the warm room — still covered by a charming stone cupola and lastly the frigidarium or cold room.

Herod's royal palace, on top of Jebel el Fureidi, a natural hill, was first excavated in the 1960s by Father Virgilio Corbo, on behalf of the Franciscan Mission. Those excavations were limited to the actual mountain, but in the 1970s further extensive excavations at Lower Herodium unearthed an entire complex of buildings and a pool. Water was brought across the baking hot desert by an aqueduct from springs three miles away.

Why did Herod choose to construct the palace on this particular spot? Josephus relates that three years before he became king, Herod was on his way to Masada together with members of his family and friends. The chariot carrying Herod's mother overturned and Herod was so shocked that he wanted to take his own life. He drew his sword, but his friends prevailed upon him and he revived his injured mother, who eventually recovered from the terrifying ordeal.

A few hours later Mattathias Antigonus, the last Hasmonean king who had been pursuing Herod, caught up with him. Herod fought a bloody battle against Mattathias and victoriously continued on his way through Arabia and Egypt until he reached Rome.

There, Mark Anthony nominated him king of Judea and he was elected to the Roman senate. But it took three years of almost continuous war with Antigonus before Herod was able to take over the throne.

Twenty years later, when he was a strong and powerful ruler, Herod returned to the site of the battlefield and decided to commemorate his victory and the near-fatal accident that befell his mother by building Herodium there and naming it after himself.

Throughout the ages, scholars and historians have believed that Herod's tomb lies somewhere in the palace. Ehud Netzer, an Israeli archeologist, has spearheaded the search — so far, without success. As Jewish law forbids burial inside a dwelling, it seems unlikely that the tomb is somewhere in the eastern tower or any other part of the palace.

Netzer's extensive work at Lower Herodium has not revealed Herod's burial cave. Instead, he has exposed a 5th century Byzantine church, built from beautifully carved Herodian stones. These exquisite stones are unique to Herodium and Netzer suspects they are related to Herod's burial.

In his lifetime, Herod's Hellenization of Judea, his ruthless cruelty and luxurious lifestyle were deeply resented by the Jews, although his skilful diplomacy and favor in Rome did bring them economic prosperity: Indeed it was to impress his Roman overlords, and show admiration for Roman urbanization, architecture and art that Herod built the grandiose cities of Caesarea and Sebastia, fortress palaces at Masada, Herodium and Jericho and magnificent buildings in Jerusalem.

Thousands of years later, these amazing structures provide fascinating information about the powerful king and the people he ruled.

The remains of Herod's magnificent fortress, Herodium, stand in majestic contrast to the barren Judean desert.

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Sephardi congregation vibrant

18th century synagogue thrives

By NETTA ZUKERMAN

GIBRALTAR — The experience of discovering traces of Jewish life as it existed throughout history is always a poignant one. Often only fragments inscribed with a few Hebrew letters bear sole testimony of a Jewish presence, which had, at one time been a flourishing influence on the community within which it resided.

The exquisite and lovingly preserved small Sephardi synagogue in the British crown colony of Gibraltar is a rare exception.

Known locally as the "Esnoga Grande," the Shaar Hashomayim was founded in 1726. However, Jews had resided in Gibraltar in the Middle Ages and during the Expulsion, many fled to nearby Morocco where they rapidly became important traders and existed harmoniously with the Moors.

Ironically enough, it was the sultan of Fez, who during the early 1700s completed the British occupiers of the "Rock" to allow Jews to become Gibraltarian citizens again! Supplies from Spain were denied to the British and at that period, they were forced to deal with Jewish traders from Morocco.

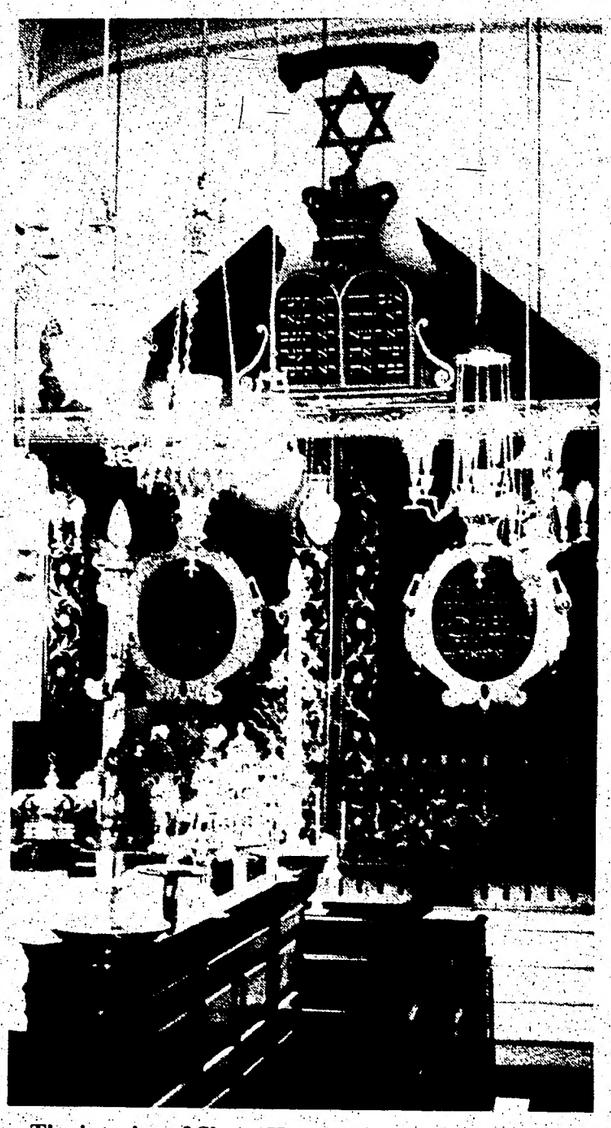
The sultan of Fez insisted on equal rights for his Jews, and among the names of property owners combined from a list compiled in 1712, we discover the name of Isaac Netto.

Born in Leghorn in 1682, Netto, at the age of 14, together with his father, Rabbi David Nieto, moved to London (Netto always used the Italian spelling of his name, while his father maintained the Spanish). Isaac and his brother, Phineas, studied Jewish religious law under the tutelage of their father, who had been appointed chacham of the Spanish and Portuguese Jewish Congregation of Bevis Marks in London.

The brothers later returned to Gibraltar, and although engaged in trade, Isaac Netto emerges as the religious leader of the community. This is substantiated by a document which declares that he was granted "a piece of vast ground on which he hath built a large room, which the Jews made a synagogue of."

This piece of ground off Engineer Lane was entered through what is now Serfaty's Passage and was commonly called Synagogue Lane. It coincided with the plot where the structure of today's synagogue, Shaar Hashomayim now stands.

To further retrace the footsteps of the Netto family, Isaac was given the monopoly of providing fresh supplies from Morocco during the 13th siege in 1727. Upon the death of his father, however, he returned to London to succeed him as rabbi of Bevis Marks synagogue. Brother Phineas stayed on in Gibraltar and later passed the deeds of the synagogue to the leaders of the Jewish community.



The interior of Shaar Hashamayim Synagogue, the principal place of Jewish worship in Gibraltar.

Natural elements took toll of the synagogue which was eventually destroyed by a great storm in 1766, but as has occurred continually throughout Jewish history, fellow Jews came to the rescue. In this instance, it was the communities of Amsterdam and London who proffered assistance. A piece of ground between the old building and Engineer Lane was purchased and a larger and more elegant synagogue was erected.

The slender but resilient link of Isaac Netto is bound to present day Gibraltar Jewry.

This ancient place of worship, the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, with its fine Gothic ceiling and marble floors houses the original ark from the early 1700s.

The present bimah is a replica of the old one, and the ornate heavy silver lamp hangings and collection of silver and gold embroideries are very fine indeed. The old carved wooden benches have been lovingly polished to a high shine throughout the passing years. Each seat is discreetly marked with its owner's name.

During the 19th century, Jewish population rose to over 2,000 souls, but after the evacuation which took place during World War II, many families did not return.

Today's Jewish community consists of approximately 600 families who are Sephardi and mainly engaged in retail trade.

Sir Joshua Hassan, a Jew, was the first chief minister, and today, Jews participate actively in the civic life of the 'Rock.'

The community is Orthodox with shops closed on Shabbat. Three shops sell kosher products and kosher meals are served at the social and cultural club restaurant which is housed in a building owned by the community. During holiday periods, hospitality and kosher meals are always extended to Jewish service men.

The Talmud Torah maintains a highly activated Jewish education program and in addition to a kindergarten, there is a primary school, Sunday school and evening classes.

The community is strongly identified with Israel and has representation within the JNF, Jewish Agency, WIZO and a Joint Israel Appeal committee.

The Gibraltar Jews say of themselves that "we feel that we are a very special community because of our ancient ties."

It is obvious that the link made by Isaac Netto so long ago was firmly gorged into place.

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New hopes for the future are reflected in the hard work of young recruits in the Israeli army's basic literacy programs.

Educational courses aid IDF soldiers

By
LEILA AVRIN

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — **The Israel Defence Forces has always been a citizen's army. It is not surprising, then that the military has taken over certain functions of the civilian establishment, such as basic education.**

Before the 1973 Yom Kippur War, many potential solidiers were not inducted because of their low educational level. This rejection further handicapped the already socially and economically disadvantaged youth, for army service is an integrating factor and a key to finding a respectable job.

To stem the problem various educational programs were established by the IDF, especially by former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, among them For Israel's Defence (LIBI: Lema'an Bitachon Israel).

LIBI sponsors different programs for men on different levels. Draftees are tested and sent to the appropriate educational unit. The young men who are sent to Givat Olga, a former Soldiers Welfare Association camp, have high physical profiles but show the lowest grade school achievement.

Some 300-500 of them come for seven weeks of basic training that includes an education that they never saw in the public school system because they either turned it off or dropped out altogether. Grouped into classes of eight to 12, they are taught Hebrew langauge skills; math, modern Jewish history and the geography of Israel; those in the highest classes learn extra subjects determined by the individual teachers.

Other LIBI bases have enrichment programs for men on the high school level who are already somewhat literate. The short range goal of this and other educational unity is to motivate these soldiers to serve their country; the long-term objective is to make them better citizens after their service.

The teachers in Givat Olga are young women who volunteer for the job. They are tested rigorously and interviewed, after which they go through a 2½-month training course. In order to succeed, the teachers must be taught, exude self-confidence and want to command. They must not smile nor get chummy with the soldiers, who do not take well to discipline of any kind.

At Olga, in addition to teaching their pupils all of the subjects not absorbed in school, the educators march the soldiers from one class to another, supervise inspection, exercise and run with them at 5.30 a.m. when they have this periodic duty, and guide them on tours around the country.

History taught in the field

Such a teacher is Basi Asch, who came on aliya with her parents in 1970. Petit, blond and blue-eyed, with delicate features, Asch puts up with no nonsense. "They don't see us as girls, but as commanders," she says. These women often bring a novel approach to commanding.

History classes, for example are not taught by the lecture method. After the basic facts are given, the soldiers divide into groups and go out to the field and forest to play the historical roles of the British, the Jews and the Arabs of the 1920s, or whatever period they are studying.

They make their own costumes, construct their own watchtowers, invent their own dialogue and contrive schemes for such activities as passing clandestine arms to the underground or protecting the Yishuv, the pre-state settlement.

By acting out history, each soldier feels he has been a part of building the state. The Holocaust, too, is taught as a personal experience, not as a chapter in Ashkenazi history. Nearly all of the soldiers are Sephardim, from Middle Eastern countries, but they do not leave the program feeling they have been fed only with the European aspect of the formation of Israel. They know that Nazi concentration camps also reached the shores of North Africa.

To serve in a combat unit ultimately — infantry, tanks or paratroopers — holds the highest status in the eyes of these trainees, as it does throughout the army, even though most of them would not have considered it in their pre-Givat Olga days. A few weeks before the course ends, the teacher-commanders begin to encourage their soldiers to apply for a combat unit.

Some resist, some lack the confidence to make the choice. For those who waver, Basi Asch tells it straight, "Look at you . . . why should my brother fight for your family? You have a 97% profile. Why should he die in a tank while you sit on your butt?"

About 20 or 30% do join combat units, a good average. Even if they don't succeed in later training programs, they are at least attached to a combat unit and feel they are doing their job. Others go to suitable non-combatant courses.

Basi and the other young women who teach at Olga and other programs experience enormous satisfaction in their teaching - commanding capacity. "After two days, you love your soldiers," she says. "You are everything to them — mother, sister, everything but girlfriend. If they have a problem, you are the one to fix it." The soldiers often return from active duty and tell the incredulous trainees how great it is at Givat Olga and never will they have such luxury in the army.

Although the purpose of such camps is primarily military, it is hoped that what these men learn at Givat Olga and other similar bases will serve them well as citizens. Now, at least, they will have the basic skills needed to read the newspaper — and become more productive members of society.

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Continue to make gains

Women valued in foreign service

By
SHELLEY VON BERG

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — It all began in the fall of 1948, when a former schoolteacher from the United States was appointed Israel's first ambassador to the Soviet Union. Golda Meir later went on to serve as Israel's minister of labor and then as minister of foreign affairs from 1956 to 1966, and reached the peak of her career as Prime Minister from 1969 to 1974.

Collette Avital

Today, women continue to make gains in the foreign ministry. Israel currently has two female ambassadors abroad, career officer Anne-Marie Lambert, ambassador to Nepal, and Ambassador to Norway Judith Hubner, former deputy director general of the ministry of the interior.

Others are ascending quickly through the diplomatic ranks. Collette Avital, 22 years in the ministry, has served in Montreal, Brussels, Boston and Paris. She is now senior director of the foreign ministry's training programs.

Judith Varnai-Dranger, principal assistant to the department of North America, has served in the ministry 10 years. She recently returned from a 5-year assignment in New York as spokesman for the Israeli Mission at the United Nations where she participated daily in multilateral relations and hobnobbed with ambassadors and diplomats far above her ranking.

Tamar Samash, also 10 years in the service, acts as principal assistant to the cultural and scientific relations department. She served three years as consul in Montreal — often working 18 hours a day — while caring for a 3-year-old son in the absence of a husband who was drafted to serve in the 1982 War in Lebanon.

In all, 36 female foreign ministry career officers serve today in posts ranging from second secretary to ambassador in Israel and abroad today. Yet these officers constitute less than 5% of the ministry's combined administrative and political force, and, though one of them, Yael Vered, is an advisor to the foreign minister, no woman presently serves as deputy director or director general of a department.

Avital, Dranger and Samash agree that the lack of women officers serving in the more distinguished ministerial echelons does not stem from discrimination — salaries, ranks and promotions are equal between the sexes — nor from deficiencies in the women's performance. There is simply a small number of females entering the ministry each year and thus an even smaller number rising through its ranks.

Abraham Sitton, deputy director for personnel, insists that the presence of women in the foreign ministry has risen in the past decade, from 3 to 10% (in the political departament) today. Yet, according to Avital, five women entered the ministry in 1983, three in 1984, and only one entered this year.

Sitton offers an explanation. "It's hard to go abroad," he says. "The job demands that you spend long hours out of the home, so a woman who would like to raise a family and dedicate a lot of time to her children finds herself in contradiction to the meaning of the job of the diplomat."

A husband can also be a deterring factor, objecting to his wife being sent abroad as a representative of Israel while he merely accompanies her. It is not the responsibility of the ministry to assure jobs for spouses when a diplomat is stationed abroad. "This sometimes creates conflict," Sitton continues. "But if a woman is willing to face this conflict and forfeit a lot of things she wouldn't have to give up if she weren't a diplomat, she will be successful."

Tamar Samash epitomizes such a success story. Encouraged by her husband to join the ministry, she found herself in Montreal in 1981, at a time when Canada was experiencing economic difficulties. Nevertheless, her husband secured employment — only to be called back to Israel at the onset of the war in Lebanon.

In addition to caring for her son, Samash often found herself working 18 hours a day, attending meetings and speeches in the evening. On top of all of this, she had to deal with a "very chauvanistic head of mission. When he was told a woman was coming I don't think he was very keen to get me," she recalls.

"But during the difficult period, that's when he learned to appreciate me. When he saw I was doing my job we developed a good relationship. At this point came the realization that a woman can do the job as well as, if not better than, a man."

Collette Avital elaborates. "If there is a specific contribution of a woman," she admits, "I think she probably works harder. She has to do both things; have a job and be a housewife." For instance, Avital continues, "A male diplomat relies on his wife to entertain. A woman in the service does both the work and the entertaining. In terms of office time and the amount of energy they put into their job, they're probably giving a lot more of themselves."

Samash cites one advantage of women in the foreign ministry. "When you're trying to get a message through to someone, sometimes when a man is speaking it sounds like propaganda. But when a woman says it, it works."

Judith Varnai-Dranger agrees. "You tell a woman more than a man, and sometimes you listen to a woman more than to a man. Sure," she smiles, "sometimes its because of her perfume, the way she looks, the way she dresses. But, once you establish your credibility, even if you change your perfume, you stay the same.

"Status in the foreign service depends on how you present yourself, how you insist on being treated, whether you are a woman or a man," she adds. "If you are a person who comes with authority and credibility, if you know what you want and represent something you care for, you will be treated accordingly."

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Archeologist probe Golan site

Gamla called "second Masada"

By DAVID MATTHEWS

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Aided by an international corps of volunteers, Israeli archeologists are completing their 9th season of digging at Gamla — Israel's "second Masada." Like the famed Herodian fortress of Masada on the Dead Sea, Gamla was also a stronghold of the Jewish rebels against the Roman Empire. In fact, the leader of the Masada zealots was Eleazar Ben-Yair, whose family came from Gamla.

The great Jewish revolt ended at Masada in 73 CE, when the last defenders put their families to the sword and then committed suicide rather than fall into Roman hands. At the very outbreak of the rebellion seven years earlier, the fortress city of Gamla suffered a similar if more spectacular fate. Here, some 4,000 Jewish defenders were killed and another 5,000 Jewish fighters leaped from the cliffs rather than capitulate.

Masada has long been one of Israel's top tourist attractions whilst Gamla is only now getting the attention it deserves. The chief reason is that no one even knew where Gamla was until 1968. Gamla is a humped-backed hill (its name means camel) tucked away in the bottom of a deep canyon on the Golan Heights, about six miles from the new town of Katzrin.

It's here that Shmaryahu Guttman and his team of diggers is uncovering the walled city and fortress described by the Jewish historian Josephus Flavius nearly 2,000 years ago.

The archeologists have already uncovered the remains of the town's handsome synagogue, one of about 30 found so far on the Golan plateau overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Guttman says the synagogue is almost an exact replica of the one found at Masada. "According to Josephus," he says, "It was near the synagogue that the attacking Romans finally broke into the city. Near the synagogue we found the ancient mikveh, or ritual bath and all around the area we found thousands of arrowheads, spears and ballista stones that were fired from catapults and other weapons.

"Josephus knew the area well," adds Guttman, who in previous years dug at Masada with the late Prof. Yigael Yadin. "Before he became a historian, Josephus was a general in charge of the defence of the Galilee and Golan areas. He himself designed the fortifications for Gamla."

As Josephus describes it, the Roman general Vespasian was almost killed in the first breach of the walls. He survived, however, and with his son Titus eventually made a second attack, undermining a city tower and bursting through to the final bloody confrontation. After sacking Gamla, Vespasian marched south and laid siege to Jerusalem, which he finally razed in 70 CE. Three years later the Jewish revolt ended at Masada.

Also exposed at Gamla are portions of the city's outer walls, a defence tower, and the remains of many homes along the slope of the hill. At the crest is a huge pile of boulders that marks the citadel where the Jewish defenders made their last stand — and eventually leaped to their deaths.

As Josephus describes it, the Jews held back the Roman advance for a while with a hail of stones and arrows. "But then a great windstorm blew up. The Jews were struck full in the face by a gale that carried the Roman arrows but checked and turned aside their own. So violent was the blast that they could neither keep their feet on the narrow ledges, nor see the approaching enemy."

To reach Gamla, one must hike down the side of the canyon for about 15 minutes. Along the path, metal signs in Hebrew and English contain quotations from Josephus' The Jewish War. These describe the plan of the city and how the siege and battle there progressed.

Once at the foot of Gamla, the visitor can roam the 45-acre archeological site at will. Carved lintels, basalt columns and portions of fresco walls show that Gamla was once a prosperous and thriving town. The view from the citadel at the head of the camel-back hill is breathtaking. Gamla is located in a nature reserve, and marked paths lead to nearby waterfalls and spectacular canyons.

Visitors should also see the new Golan Archeological Museum in Katzrin. There one can find on display the most valuable finds from Gamla, as well as a model of the hill and detailed explanatory materials.

A group of tourists visit the Golan fortress of Gamla, Israel's "second Masada."

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A farmer dressed in protective clothing cleans a frame of a beehive on his farm in the Judean Hills.

Israeli honey known for its unique flavor

By
HELEN HILL

JERUSALEM (WZPS) — Maybe it's the abundant sunshine, the rich soil and the multitude of flowers that keep the bees happy, or perhaps it's just the special atmosphere that made the Land of Israel the land of milk and honey. Whatever the reason, Israeli honey has a unique flavor that carries on the traditional sweetness mentioned so often in the Bible.

Honey has always been closely interwoven with the life and land of the Jewish people. One need not look far in the bible to find that the land promised by God was a "a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegrantes, a land of olive oil and honey."

Plenty of wild bees at caves

It's likely that the earliest "honey" was a thick date syrup, but there were plenty of wild bees buzzing around the caves and fissures in the dry limestone rocks making honeycombs oozing with honey.

Honey is mentioned most often as a metaphor for the sweetness of the words of God. It was a special favorite of the psalmists, whose obvious enjoyment of the delicacy is apparent in such verses as, "How sweet are thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth," and "My son eat thou honey because it is good and honeycomb which is sweet to thy taste."

This message held good through the centuries; in the Middle Ages children's slates were covered in honey and they licked the letters to taste the sweetness of the Torah. Later on in Europe, young students dipped their fingers in honey before learning the holy words.

The most famous honey story in the Bible refers to the riddle Samson asked the Philistines after he saw bees honey in the carcass of a lion. "Out of the eater came forth meat and out of the strong came forth sweetness."

After devious threats to Delilah they answered "What is stronger than a lion? What is sweeter than honey?"

Throughout Jewish history there are references to honey. In the Talmud, the rabbis give detailed accounts of beehives and discuss the points of law concerning the number of honeycombs a man is permitted to take from a hive that he acquires only for one year.

Nowadays, there are some 80,000 beehives in Israel, strung out in a fragrant line of orange blossoms from Nahariya in the north to Gaza in the south, in the desert, among the wild flowers of the Galilee and wherever there are avocado or apple orchards.

In world terms, Israel is a small producer of honey, yielding about 2,000 tons annually. Competitive prices on the world market restrict export levels, but there's enough honey to sweeten life in the country and to export to Jewish communities in the U.S., Europe and Australia for dipping the Rosh Hashanah apple and challah and as an essential ingredient in honeycake for the festivals.

More than half the honey in Israel comes from independent producers who keep hives in the hundreds rather than the thousands. They treat their bees with the same care and attention lavished upon household pets and perhaps that's the secret of the sweetness.

David Sadeh of Kibbutz Amir in the lush Hulah valley is a beekeeper of distinction who writes on apiculture for professional journals. In his 50 years in Israel he has built up a valuable library on the subject with books in six langauges and keeping information going back over a century.

In a country of immigrants it's not surprising that even his bees come from abroad — the Queen bees from America and the workers from Italy, where the bees are the best producers.

Sadeh works in a little stone building refining and packing his honey as a labor of love. Long ago, he planted a "garden of the bees" in an orchard that protects the hives from wind and sun. There, he says, any sick person can be cured just by breathing the nectar in the air. Sadeh calls his bees "small flying pharmacies" and believes in the therapeutic properties of honey for curing many ailments from hay fever to rashes.

Bee-sting poison is an ancient remedy for rheumatism and Sadeh is investigating the properties of Propolis, the sticky substance that is scraped from the hive and appears to have many uses for healing ills.

Major producer near Sadeh

Just a few kilometres from Sadeh's beehives is the honey factory of Kibbutz Shamir, one of Israel's major producers of honey and related products. For most of the year flowers grow in wild profusion and the bees swarm happily in the pollution-free air of the foothills of the Golan Heights making the Kibbutz's Galil brand of honey especially fragrant and fine-tasting. It is packed in different decorative containers on its own or with a chunk of honeycomb in the jar oozing sweetness.

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Ayelet Hashachar, known for its fine kibbutz inn, is another honey centre of note with several thousand hives. The bees there are doubly useful, pollinating the fruit in the plum and apple orchards and producing wonderful honey for everyone's enjoyment.

Wherever you go in Israel, it is easy to spot beehives. Tucked under fruit trees or near flowering fields, these buzzing factories are continuing the ancient tradition that still makes Israel a land of milk and honey.

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New recruits inspired by Masada

By
GLORIA CHARNES

The fortress of Masada seen from the air.

JERUSALEM — In a memorabale torch-light induction ceremony atop the scorched cliff of a forbidding mountain fortress, young recruits from Israel's crack armored unit swear their oath of allegiance to the modern state, concluding with the solemn pledge: "Masada Shall Not Fall Again."

Their vows break the haunting silence of the isolated summit, in affirmation and tribute to the fallen martyrs of nearly 2,000 years ago. It was here, at the edge of the Judean Desert that 960 zealots committed mass suicide in 73 CE rather than submit to Roman tyranny.

Under relentless fire from catapulated missiles, with the giant battering ram pounding ceaselessly against their meager defence, these doomed die-hards made their ultimate decision. Conceding that they were tragically outnumbered — the Roman 10th Legion was more than 10,000 strong, the group's commander, Eleazar Ben-Yair, ordered death, by their own hands.

He exhorted his people never "to serve the Roman nor any master other than God who alone is true and just Lord of mankind. Hitherto we have never submitted to slavery; we must not choose slavery now. We can die nobly and as free men. This our enemies can not prevent, however earnestly they may pray to take us alive."

When at last the Romans scaled the ramparts, everyone had been slain, except two women and five children hidden in a cave, who recounted the grim events.

Masada, from the Hebrew "metzada," meaning Fortress, was originally fortified by the high priest Jonathan, who authorities maintain, was King Alexander Janneus, reigning prior to Harod, king of Judea.

Then an influential young Jewish nobleman, Herod was embattled in a local civil war. He feared rebellion from his people, but his immediate threat was from Egypt. He built a sanctuary and refuge on the summit of Masada, 50 miles from Jerusalem, with massive fortifications and storehouses planned to withstand prolonged warfare — his royal citadel. Surrounding walls and towers were considered invincible.

On the road to Masada, the raw, jagged beauty of the Judean wilderness assumes incredibly majestic dimensions. The primeval landscape, the sculptured cliffs and convoluted hillsides compress the centuries.

Tourists today can approach the easy way in a matter of minutes via a cable car, an immeasurable improvement over the tortuous snake path that takes several hours. This vertical ascent rises 1,000 feet from the bottom on the eastern side to the station 60 feet beneath the summit. At the base just to the left of the cableway terminal are the restored walls of one of the Roman camps facing the southern end of the Dead Sea.

The summit of this naked, lofty promontory of rock is a flat plateau, with most of the structures centred on the northern half. The southern region, researchers speculate, was probably used for cultivation of crops.

During the monumental excavation and restoration project in the 60s, close to 50,000 cubic yards was sifted. Sections of collapsed walls and roofs had to be handled cautiously to avoid destroying structures that lay buried beneath.

Built along the very edge of the precipice on the northern prow stand vestiges of Herod's palace, hanging over a cliff in a series of three tiers. The uppermost is adorned with black and white mosaic, wall paintings and a magnificent semicircular colonnade, commanding an expansive view of the Dead Sea.

The middle terrace, some 65 feet below, showed two concentric walls with rows of columns supporting the roof. The lower terrace, connected to the others by a hidden staircase, has a patio with shade provided by the cliff above where one could gaze north to Ein Gedi and eastward to the mountains of Moab.

Secluded on the slope of rock below was Herod's private Roman-style bath house including a warm room, hot room and pool. On the stairs leading to the pool were found the skeletons of a young man, woman and child. Dark braids, carefully plaited, were still attached to the scalp.

Next to the man were dozens of arrowheads, several hundred silver plated scales of armor and a bit of pottery, inscribed with Hebrew letters. A few feet away were fragments of a prayer shawl.

Adjacent to the northern palace is a large network of long, narrow halls, the community's storehouse. Prior to excavation, the entire area was a pile of rubble, five feet deep. Separate storage rooms were designated for wine, oil, flour, dates, dried fruit. Labels describing their contents were in Aramaic and Hebrew, dated 66-73.

Devout in their religious practices, the Zealots worshipped in a synagogue which functioned as a centre for meeting, prayer and study, the oldest yet discovered in Israel. City benches were set along the walls, in four tiers.

In the cafeteria at Masada's base an efficient operation serving scores of diners atop this mountain fortress, a slender young girl sat, her flaxen braid a singular and poignant reminder of the martyred Zealot's plaited hair, uncovered on the scorched summit. She wore the Khaki uniform of the Israeli Defence Forces, as did a cluster of youths at her table. It seemed a fitting way for memorializing history, visible proof that "Masada Shall Not Fall Again."

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Greek Jewish story shown in museum

By
JACQUELINE SWARTZ

ATHENS —

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As part of the journey you enter a darkened room. There, you find tattered momentoes of the Holocaust. More than 87% of Greece's Jews were killed in the Holocaust, but their story does not end with it.

"The Holocaust broke up the Jewish continuum. But there was a return — people came back. And this musuem itself is an affirmation," says Nikos Stavroulakis, a Greek Jew who taught Byzantine history at the University of Tel Aviv.

Stavroulakis has been the director of the Jewish Museum of Greece since it began in 1977, in a cobwebbed room in the back of Athens' main synagogue.

Last year, the museum moved into a stately turn-of-the-century building near Athen's main Constitution Square, and Stavroulakis and his staff took on the daunting task of organizing, restoring and displaying the thousands of items that had been stored.

Photos, artifacts displayed

Now textiles, religious artifacts, and more than 7,000 photographs provide a picture of Jewish life from the 3rd century BCE to today.

The Jewish tradition in Greece, explains Stavroulakis, represents a significant line that continued unbroken since ancient times. He calls the musuem "ethnographic" in that it shows how Jews lived — what they wore, how they celebrated and observed religious ritual.

"We want to show what is particular to Greek Jewry," says Stavroulakis." Displays show how the Jews celebrated their holidays, and the connection between certain Jewish and Christian events like Passover and Easter.

Stavroulakis notes that Purim, which celebrates the triumph of Queen Esther, was a richly celebrated holiday in Greece, and non-Jews flocked to Purim plays.

The museum's displays are eye-catching for their sense of drama. The costume room does not contain merely cases, but shows the interior of a typical Jewish house in Salonika, with several women admiring a dowry spread across divans and on walls, as was the custom.

A section on the Jewish year features an enlargement of a 13th century, Spanish miniature of a calendar of moveable feasts. Around this are enlargements taken from medieval Spanish and Italian manuscripts of major Jewish Holidays. And the entire interior of the Patras synagogue has been rebuilt inside the museum.

Stavroulakis emphasizes that the museum should take its place among other Greek museums rather than being exclusively part of the Jewish community of Athens. He is eager for all Greeks to see the history of a people who contributed so much to the country.

The Athens community has been attracted to the museum by classes ranging from religious history to embroidery to meditation. And, the museum continues to spin off other projects.

Unfortunately, says Stavroulakis, the museum is chronically underfinanced. To keep going, it relies on the Athens- and Chicago-based Friends of the Jewish Museum of Greece.

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Museum Director Nikos Stravoulakis gives a guided tour to visitors at the Jewish Museum of Greece.

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Israeli doctor continues pioneer work in Canada

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Israel is well known for its exports. Its food products, military equipment and agricultural expertise are second to none.

One not so familiar export doesn't come in a crate marked "product of Israel," though he is a 100% sabra.

Dr. Gidi Koren is one of a handful of Israeli doctors living and working in Toronto, most of them, he is quick to say, pediatricians from Tel Hashomer Hospital, Israel's largest medical facility.

Koren has lived in Toronto for the past four years and plans to spend another year or two at the Hospital for Sick Children before returning to Tel Hashomer to continue his pioneering work in the field of children's pharmacology.

Koren is still a pioneer even in Canada, having participated in the opening of the Motherisk Clinic at the Hospital for Sick Kids.

Koren, whose specialty is pharmacology, is blazing a trail in the study of the effects of chemicals ingested by mothers on their children, from the fetus to their 18th birthdays.

It's the first clinic of its kind in the world, and Koren plans to take the knowledge he, and his team of doctors and researchers, gleans from the studies back to Tel Hashomer.

Previously, he says, doctors predicted the effect of chemicals on the young by using their effects on adults as a model. That can be misleading, he says, since children often react differently to chemicals than do adults.

And with chemicals so prevalent — whether they are drugs taken for diabetes, epilepsy, heart disease, or illegal substances such as cocaine and marijuana — there is a wide open field of research begging to be investigated.

Koren says many women "want to know what will happen to the fetus" as a result of ingesting a chemical. "We do blood tests, get details of what they took, how much and when," he says, and then, "based on the known literature, assign them a known risk."

That can be followed by tests like ultrasound "to show how the fetus is doing, and in some cases (of malformation), it could lead to termination," Koren states.

Koren, a youngish-looking 38, says he came to Toronto because the Hospital for Sick Children is world renowned for its research into childhood maladies.

A graduate of medical school in 1973, Koren trained at Tel Hashomer in pediatrics and later delved into his sub-specialty — pharmacology.

At Tel Hashomer he worked with the adult pharmacology department, took the information they gathered and tried to apply it to children.

Dr. Gidi Koren

While Koren, his wife Bath-Sheva, and children Lee, 14, Tal, 12, and Gal, 9, now make Toronto their home, Koren's heart is still in Tel Hashomer.

Koren was a founding member last year of the Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer, because, he says, "I felt it was an injustice that the largest hospital in Israel, the hospital of the Israeli soldier, is not represented in the community."

The goal of the Canadian Friends is to help Tel Hashomer through these trying times of Israeli budgetary restraint.

"The needs of a large hospital are great," Koren says, and the Canadian Friends have been trying to expand their base of support, by recruiting concerned and energetic individuals to help create a public awareness of the hospital as well as to raise funds for medical necessities.

Those necessities range from the most basic requirements such as wheelchairs, respirators and operating room equipment, to improved facilities for patients.

Hundreds of the hospital's 1,200 beds are still housed in 35-year-old quonset huts originally put there by the British during the mandate, Koren notes.

An attractive aspect of the Friends' fund raising efforts, he says, is that almost all money raised in Canada goes to the hospital since the organization here has little overhead to speak of.

Since the public first became aware of Tel Hashomer's dire financial straits, approximately $50,000 has been raised in Canada for the hospital, especially from groups such as the Galicianer and Maramosher Societies.

The next major item of the Friends' agenda is a special anniversary event on the June 22 weekend, marking the 10th anniversary of Israel's daring rescue mission in Entebbe.

Why should the Friends mark that particular event?

"All the doctors who participated in Entebbe were from Tel Hashomer," Koren explains.

Eran Dolev, surgeon-general of the Israeli army and medical commander at Entebbe, will be the keynote speaker at the event.

He'll stress two points, notes Koren: that "Jews don't let other Jews stay helpless and will go and help them," as well as addressing the topic of terrorism.

The Friends also intend to show a documentary of the Entebbe raid, made by Israel television with the cooperation of the army.

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Toronto AWSI to finance expansion

Soldiers House in Beersheba to get new wing

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
The Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel is planning to finance the construction of a new wing for the Soldiers House in Beersheba.

To do so, Irving Matlow, chairman of the Toronto branch, will be appealing for assistance on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

"On Israel's Independence Day (May 14) it is important to be aware of the role of the association and of the soldiers as a sign of understanding and appreciation," Matlow told The Canadian Jewish News. "It is the soldiers who make it possible to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut."

Matlow said that the association will run a telethon in Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut and, at the same time, will explain the role of AWSI and appeal for funds in an insert to The Canadian Jewish News on May 8.

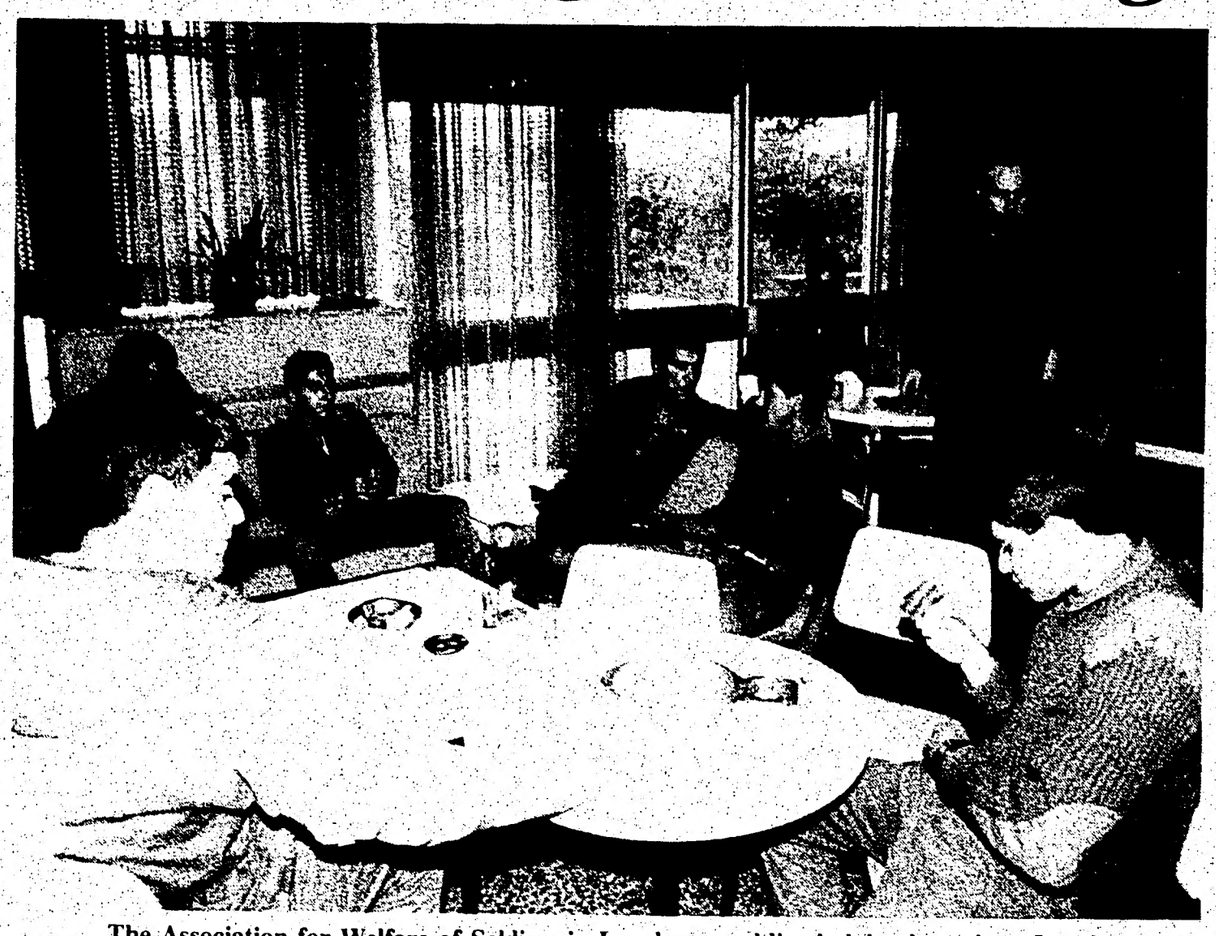
He said that funds for the Soldiers House will go towards a new wing which will include 36 bedrooms and a lounge. Soldiers House provides a temporary home for Israeli soldiers and includes such amenities as bedrooms, a dining hall, lounges, a library and swimming pool.

All this helps to make life a little easier for IDF soldiers, said Matlow, and allows Jews to express their appreciation and gratitude to the soldiers for their part in protecting the state.

"There has to be a direct link between the beneficiaries of the soldiers' devotion and the soldiers themselves," said Matlow. "Israel exists because of its strong army."

As well as the Soldiers House in Beersheba, the association operates permanent and mobile clubs for soliders throughout Israel.

The association also provides soldiers with gift parcels at various times of the year and maintains an education centre for soliders in Netanya to serve those soldiers who can neither read nor write.



The Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel runs soldiers' clubs throughout Israel.

Jewish marriage a spiritual bond

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
The relationship between a Jewish husband and wife is one of total unity, says Brunya Schaeffer, a New York marriage counseler. "It is a spiritual bond so powerful that it demands ultimate expression in a physical act, that is itself an act of oneness," she said.

Speaking to a large audience of women at the Chabad Community Centre in Thornhill at a seminar marking Lubavitch's Week of the Jewish Woman, Schaeffer discussed the different aspects of marital love.

"Jewish mysticism declares that sexual relations, within the bounds of halacha and following the laws of family purity, create such an intense level of sanctity that the presence of G-d is elicited," she said.

Peace, explained Schaeffer, is not only the foundation of marriage, but, in its form of "sholom bayis" — peace in the home — is considered the highest ideal of Jewish family life.

She considers friendship a hallmark of Jewish marriage. "We must be good and loving friends, considering the spouse's needs and desires as our own."

Spiritual and physical love, she maintains, do not just appear out of nothing. "They lie dormant within you, and grow stronger as the relationship continues. They exist not because they are deserved or earned, but because of the bond itself."

Torah gives no reason

The framework of Jewish marriage, says Schaeffer, is Taharas hamishpocha — the laws of family purity. "It is one of the sets of laws for which the Torah does not give a reason — we must trust G-d enough to obey Him without knowing why."

These laws, she points out, are not just the laws prohibiting sexual relations during the niddah period (the time during menses and for 7 days afterwards) and those describing the rules for immersion in the mikvah. They also set forth a complex series of restrictions on behavior between spouses during this time.

"Just as we protect a precious possession like a diamond by surrounding it with a layer of cotton, a velvet box, and a vault, so too we protect sex, that precious part of marriage, from being perverted through relations at a prohibited time. All forms of physical contact — even the touching of fingers — are forbidden."

Schaeffer warned that we must avoid becoming desensitized or indifferent: "Taharas hamishpocha teaches us how to love."

The evening also included a warm and humorous account by lawyer Corinne Korzen, of the trials of becoming observant (no one warned me that I would need stronger glasses to read the tiny kashruth symbols) and a musical interlude in both English and Hebrew by Barbara Hakuk.

Lubavitch's Week of the Jewish Woman was "a celebration of Jewish womanhood" which occurred simultaneously in several Jewish communities around the world. In Toronto, it included a melava malka, a kosher food table at a supermarket, and a display of Jewish symbols at the Jewish Community Centre.

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Yiddish arts and letters flourished in Winnipeg

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Language is the heart and soul of a people, setting them apart and giving them a distinct character. The culture, literature and daily lives of a generation of Winnipeg Jewry had its expression through Yiddish, and while the city did not produce literary figures of the stature of Sforim, Peretz or Sholom Aleichem, Yiddish arts and letters flourished here during the first half of the century.

Yiddish-speakers began arriving in Winnipeg in large numbers after the Russo-Japanese War (1903-5). Before long, community leaders such as Alter and Fania Cherniak, Dr. Bernard Ginsburg, Nathan and Malka Selchen, Berl Miller, Ben Sheps, Feivel Simpkin and Dr. I. Victor had created the I. L. Peretz School, the first Yiddish day school in North America, and a Yiddish-language newspaper, the Yiddish Press.

It was these two institutions — cross-fertlizing each other — which served as the impetus for most of the Yiddish writing produced here.

The Peretz School, formed in 1914 as an alternative to the Hebrew-language Talmud Torah, functioned until 2½ yars ago when it was amalgamated with the Talmud Torah. Many of its principals and teachers, as with the staff of the Arbeiter Ring Shule (Worker's Circle, 1920-26, later renamed the Sholom Aleichem School) and the short-lived Folk Shule, were writers.

One of Peretz School's first staff members was Dr. Bernard Ginsberg who came to Winnipeg in 1913. A former journalist, he became a respected physician as well as a man of letters. He wrote for a variety of American Yiddish papers and magazines. His major work, a novel titled Generation Passeth, Generation Cometh (also translated into English), was published in 1957, five years before he died.

Moshe Bloshtein was principal and teacher at the Arbeiter Ring School and a psychologist. His first book, Road to the Child, was published by the Yiddish Press in 1934. He was the author of several other books on education, child psychology and his teaching experience. Bloshtein left for Edmonton in the late 1930s, eventually ending his days in Atlanta and Miami.

The shining star of Winnipeg's Yiddish literary galaxy was Avraham Golomb who died three years ago in California. A world-renowned educator, he was principal of the Peretz School from 1938-43. He was also a principal and teacher in pre-war Lithuania and later in Mexico. He had 50 books published in Mexico, Paris and Winnipeg.

"His themes were the eternity of the Jewish People and the importance of maintaining our identity," said former Golomb student Sonny Raber. "He tried to prove by scientific means and the laws of history why nations and civilizations rise and fall. He wasn't as well known as Sholom Aleichem but he had students and followers all over the world."

Golomb's predecessor as principal, Jacob Zipper, was also a prolific writer and author. In Winnipeg, he edited the Yiddish Press and contributed to many other publications. It was after his move to Montreal, however, that he wrote his book on the Baal Shem Tov (1940), a novel, short stories and a book of poems on the Holocaust.

The third of the literary Peretz School principals was Falik Zolf, father of writer and broadcaster Larry Zolf. Zolf's writings had a more limited readership than did Golomb's or Zipper's. He lived out his life in Winnipeg, and was associated with the Peretz School as teacher and principal from 1926 to the 1950s.

His first book, written in 1940, was autobiographical, describing his life in the Old Country and his early days in Canada. Last of a Generation was a look at Jewish shtetl life in Lithuania and Poland. His third and last book was a series of essays by Yiddish writers.

Falik Zolf is seen with Winnipeg Peretz School class in 1944.

The Yiddish Press produced the well-known and widely respected Mark Selchen. Selchen joined the paper in the 1920s after teaching at the Peretz School. He has been described as one of the finest editorialists in the Yiddish language. His opinions were respected far beyond the confines of the Jewish community. The one book he wrote however, By the Way, was in Hebrew.

Miller was another respected name in Winnipeg Yiddish literary circles. The first Yiddish book published in central Canada — There was a War — was co-authored by poet Mordechai Miller, I. Bronstein and H. Golsky. Miller and Bronstein followed this with a book of songs in 1919 before Miller struck out on his own with a second songbook.

Sholem Miller (not related) was a lawyer, teacher (both Peretz School and Talmud Torah) and humorist "in the best tradition of Yiddish literature," according to Harry Gutkin, author of Journey into our Heritage, a history of the Jews of Western Canada. Miller produced one book of humor in 1937 and was a frequent contributor to Yiddish papers throughout Europe and North America.

By the 1950s, however, Yiddish culture and creativity had passed its peak. Some books were still being written in Yiddish — by Ginsburg and Zolf and Mike Ussiskin's Edenbridge — but the authors were from the older generation.

Gutkin sees it as tragic that Jews today are unfamiliar with the great Yiddish literature, Jewish history, philosophy and culture. "They miss the essence of Jewishness," he said. "You need that background, that historical outlook to have a real feeling for Jewishness."

It is fitting perhaps that the last Yiddish book published in Winnipeg — a history of the Jewish People published in 1972 — was written by Shimshon Heilik, the last Yiddish-speaking principal of the Peretz School.

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Feldman mesmerizes with his life story

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
"I'm a 'convert' to Judaism, I chose Judaism," says Leonid Feldman a born Jew and former Refusenik who recently mesmerized an audience of more than 550 at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue with the story of his life and spiritual rebirth.

Feldman, a rabbinical candidate studying at the Jewish Theological Seminary, spoke at the request of the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region on From Marx to Moses: A Personal Odyssey of a Refusenik.

For more than an hour and a half, he captivated his listeners with an impassioned account, mixing anger, pathos and humor to describe his emerging sense of identity and life "not in another country but in another galaxy."

For Feldman the discovery that he was a Jew came at age 7 with a playground insult. His father did not explain the meaning of the word (Yid) said Feldman, but only told him the boy was bad and not to play with him again.

At age 12 his knowledge of his heritage was reinforced by denial — he was forbidden from (rightfully) representing the Moldavian Republic at the national chess championships, "because my name was Feldman."

More surprises followed. At the time of the Six Day War, Feldman heard from a Jewish friend, Boris, about Israel. "When did they get out from the Soviet Union ?" Feldman wondered. It had never occurred to him that there were Jews beyond Russian borders.

When he was 17, his sister's boyfriend was arrested for reading illegal books. "I was stunned. I had never heard about this before. What was it that my government was afraid of ?"

Feldman decided he had to find out who the dissidents and Refuseniks were. After making contact and earning the trust of one, he secretly secured a copy of Exodus by Leon Uris.

"It changed my life," he says. "I was 21 and could explain Einstein's theory of relativity, but I did not know what a rabbi was."

Leonid Feldman

On finishing the book Feldman says he was left with a sense of anger and resolve. Angry that his government had lied. Angry that he knew nothing of the Holocaust. Angry that he had on occasion denied his identity. And resolved to leave the Soviet Union.

For an audience reared on Western freedom the difficulties encountered by someone who wants to leave a society that considers itself perfect is hard to understand, he said.

Visited Scharansky in Moscow

Having committed himself to leaving Feldman became persona non grata in his own country. Denied permission to leave, he went from his city Kishniev to Moscow to visit another, famous, Refusenik — Anatoly Scharansky.

Scharansky suggested that Feldman pursue his cause through a hunger strike. When he did so he was arrested and soon after was told to leave. Within eight days (in 1976) "I was standing in the streets of Tel Aviv," says Feldman.

But having secured his freedom, Feldman says he had not yet retrieved his identity. "I had to learn everything from zero like a baby," he said.

Over the next several years he studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and received a Masters degree in education, spent time in Rome helping other Russian Jews with emigration, and then wound up in California.

There he met and became friends with authors Dennis Prager and Joseph Telushkin and entered the Brandeis Bardin Institute. He describes his experiences there as the second turning point of his life.

It was at the institute surrounded (at first) by assimilated American Jews, and reflecting upon the struggles of Scharansky Nudel and other Soviet Jews to preserve their heritage that Feldman became much more conscious of his own.

How, he asked rhetorically, does one become a good Jew ? "What right do I have to write papers about Faulkner if I don't open a page of Talmud ?...that's when I decided I must study Judaism full time."

Feldman has been at JTS since, because as he later explained during a question period, he found himself most in agreement with the Conservative philosophy.

Feldman stressed that it is imperative that free Jews persevere in fighting to bring more Jews out of the Soviet Union; that they visit Jews there and bring them knowledge and essential religious articles.

As for his personal goals, Feldman says he wants to bring free Jews in the Western world back to Judaism, and continue to educate them about Judaism's most dangerous enemy: Communism.

Towards fulfilling the latter objective, Feldman used the occasion to publicize the Jewish Student Network's Caravan.

This country-wide protest on behalf of Soviet Jewry will start in Halifax this summer and move across Canada ending with a demonstration in Vancouver, the site of Expo 86 and a major Soviet pavilion.

Feldman closed by noting that as a child he began every morning reciting a paen to Communism and the Soviet Union.

Now, at age 33, he begins every morning reciting the poetry of our rabbis, and for that he said, "I thank you."

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Director of Bloor Y

Soren runs "whole shebang"

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

When Irwin Soren joined the YMHA as a young man back in 1926, it's unlikely he had any inkling he'd one day run the whole shebang.

He was just a callow youth in those days, and like hundreds of his contemporaries, he was itching to join the Y so he could work out in a Jewish environment and not have to worry about quotas at the established phys ed facilities in Toronto.

Time for new blood

Forty-three years after he joined, after stints as president in 1948-49 and in a host of volunteer positions, Soren took on the job as director of the Bloor St. branch — a job he's now set to give up on May 31.

It's been 17 years since he took over as branch director in 1969, and at 75 years of age, it's time for new blood, he says. Soren is already working with his successor, Harold Cipin, seeing that the transition to the new leadership goes without any hitches.

As branch director, it was Soren's duty to see that the building functioned smoothly, that programs were planned and available, that building maintainenance was looked after — in short, "to see that the members are inconvenienced as little as possible."

For Soren, the Y (later the Jewish Community Centre) was, and is, more than just a physical plant: "It's a part of my life," he says.

Soren recalls coming to the Y almost daily when it was housed on Brunswick Ave., in the basement of the old Talmud Torah school. But even then, the Y had been around for a number of years.

The push for a Jewish athletic facility took off in the post-war years — around 1919-20. Jewish servicemen returning to Canada after fighting for their country were shocked to learn there were quotas limiting the number of Jewish members in existing athletic facilities.

The disgruntled men called a meeting at the Loews Theatre on Yonge St. (it's now the Elgin Theatre) where they decided to form a YMHA. They rented space above stores in the College/Spadina area, and the Y operated out of these meagre facilities until 1926, when the Talmud Torah opened, Soren recalls.

The Y completed an arrangement to use basement space at the school, and when it opened for business at the TT there were hundreds of people ready to join — including Soren.

In those days team sports like basketball were popular, as were fitness classes (though nothing resembling today's disco aerobics), Soren recalls. And there were no women members.

Then, as now, people saw the Y as "a place where you can congregate to meet friends and get rid of your frustrations by whacking a handball or playing basketball," Soren says.

Looking back on the changes the Y has undergone, what strikes Soren is the phenomenal growth in membership among women.

The Y started without female members. In the 20s and 30s, women met at their own facility on St. George St. near College.

Eventually, a schedule was worked out where women could use the Y at a time when the men were absent — there was no room for coed facilities in those days.

The number of female members was still relatively small when the Bloor branch opened in 1953 — about 10% — even though the total number of members had shot up to 7,500 from the 2,200 at the Brunswick facility.

The Y turned into a cultural gold mine, Soren says. "They tried to do everything," concerts, drama, lectures, forums, ceramics, public speaking.

The Y again expanded in 1969 to Bathurst St., following the northward migration of the Jewish community.

And with changing times, came a changing membership. Today, approximately 50% of the Bloor members are women, Soren notes, and unfortunately, their demands on the facility are sometimes greater than can be accommodated, since the building designers never dreamed of such a high female membership.

Irwin Soren

Takes pride in facility

Still, Soren takes pride in the Bloor St. facility, saying it stacks up favorably to other buildings — something he couldn't have said before 1953.

And, as in the 50s, the Y is still "a place where young people can meet."

For the culture vulture, there is now a Sunday at Bloor lecture series, he notes, as well as a Purim carnival where several hundred youngsters participate, and a Megillah reading in the chapel.

"We observe the festivals," Soren says, pointing to the annual Passover seder as well as regular Thursday and Sunday services that have no problem attracting minyans.

The Y is a going concern, and for Soren it still plays, and will play, a prominent role in his life: "I used to come here almost every day for a workout. When you're so close to the forest, you don't see the trees, the growth. When I hear people say they like to come to the Y, that's the way it's supposed to be.

"To me, the Y provides strong identification as a Jew."

In recognition of the days when Jews were excluded from Gentile clubs, the Y has opened its doors to everyone, and fully 40% of its members are non-Jews.

"It's good that Jews and non-Jews mix in such friendly environment," Soren says.

Though Soren's stewardship of the Y will soon be coming to an end, that won't spell the end of the association of the Soren name with the Y.

His son Paul is branch director at the Bathurst St. branch, continuing a tradition in the Soren family.

The Bloor Y men's club will honor Soren at a dinner on May 8, in recognition of his many years of service. Tickets are $40 and can be obtained by calling Harold Cipin at 924-6211.

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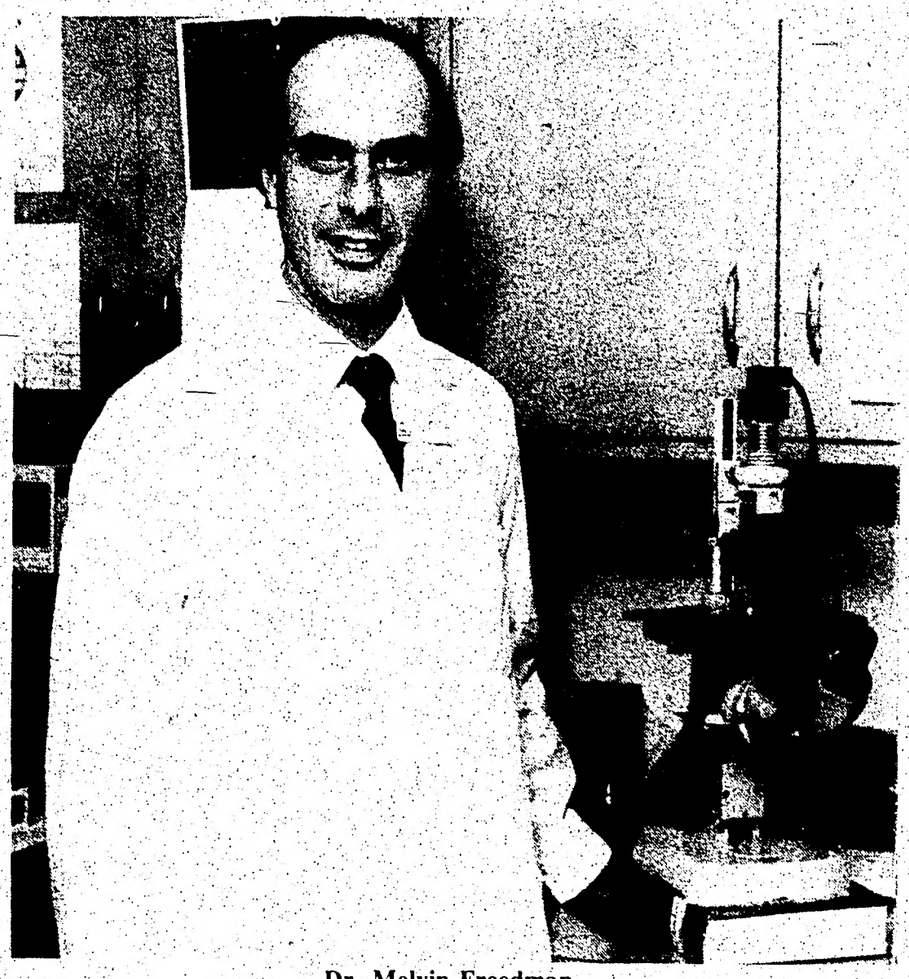

Dr. Melvin Freedman

Anemia drug's dose set by To. hospital

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Proper dosage and supervision of a critical anemia drug have been established at the Hospital for Sick Children.

A 2-year study here directed by Dr. Melvin Freedman, 46, described in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine, provides the first definitive limitations on the use of deferoxamine.

"I think our guidelines will be accepted around the world," he told The Canadian Jewish News.

Deferoxamine is used in the treatment of thalassemia, a form of hereditary anemia requiring monthly blood transfusions. Most of the 110 patients treated by Sick Children's Thalassemia Anemia and Transfusion Program, headed by Dr. Freedman, are from the Mediterranean area, particularly Italy and Greece. A similar program exists in Israel, at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. Patients there are largely young Arabs and Jews from North Africa.

"Repeated blood transfusions lead to the accumulation of excessive amounts of body iron that in turn destroy vital organs," he said. "Most patients never lived past their teens."

Deferoxamine was developed in England in the 60s to allow the body to void excess iron in the urine and stools. The chelating drug works by chemically binding extra iron to it and together leaving the system. By the early 70s, its use in conjunction with transfusions was accepted across North America.

The problem with deferoxamine was its side effects, said Freedman. "These included loss of visual acuity, the blurring of eyesight, and loss of hearing up to complete deafness."

The optional dosage determined by his research team is 50 mg. per kilo of the patient's weight per day. "Previously, doctors were administering anywhere up to 150 mg.," he said.

The monitoring system devised by the hospital team includes:

- hearing tests every three to six months.
- regular visual tests covering acuity to color distinction.
- determination of the patients' visual evolved potentials, a specialized test measuring the time it takes in milliseconds for a light stimulus to travel from the eye to the brain.

Dr. Freedman, from Saint John, NB, studied pediatrics at Montreal Children's Hospital and hematology at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He spent a year at Montreal General Hospital's hematology department before coming to Sick Children in 1971.

He is married to the former Leila Oberman, of Montreal.

Bermuda's A-G honored by U.S.

By
GENE TELPNER

WINNIPEG —

Bermuda's attorney-general, Saul Froomkin, is a former Winnipegger who has gained international recognition for his work against organized crime in all parts of the world.

Recently, Froomkin was honored by the United States government in connection with his activities. The U.S. attorney-general's department revealed that the ex-Winnipegger has been a leading figure in the prosecution of persons engaged in narcotics trafficking and smuggling.

This marks the first time such an award has been presented, but it is no secret that the Bermuda official has been closely involved in the investigations of international criminal activity.

He has been reticent about particular cases, explaining that in his line of work he prefers to keep a low profile. It is known that Froomkin has received requests from the U.S., Canada, Britain, and other countries for assistance with investigations.

Prior to being named to the high post in Bermuda, he was engaged in similar anti-crime activity with the Canadian government. Recently, Froomkin was in Austria giving a series of lectures on crime prevention to law enforcement representatives from several countries.

These included police officers from Singapore, the Cook Islands, New Zealand, plus officers from the Australian taxation department. In his lecture, Froomkin spoke on some of the key problems which involve "laundering" narcotics money.

He explained there are many ways organized crime works including phantom banks and misuse of other financial institutions. His concern is that banks in many parts of the world are not taking tough enough steps in the fight against organized crime.

Froomkin declared that there are numerous available methods to ensure that large sums of cash are closely questioned to make certain the money came from a legitimate source.

Banks can reject transactions which are obviously from criminal activity.

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Alzheimer's debilitates

Disease robs victim's mind

By FERN LEBO

TORONTO —

They used to call it senility, but now they've given it a new name. They call it Alzheimer's disease.

It is an illness that robs the victim of his memory, his reasoning ability, and eventually, his mind.

It gradually but irreversibly forces the sufferer into helpless dependence. But it is a cruel fact, that Alzheimer's disease also terrifies the children, frightens the siblings, and victimizes the spouse. As these relatives watch the gradual deterioration of a loved one, they too feel helpless.

As with a death, the family grieves but in Alzheimer's, the loved one is still there needing a great deal of direction and supervision and often, more caring and support than ever.

The Alzheimer's Society of Canada and some local hospitals treating victims of the disease have recognized the multi-dimensional problems faced by the families. As a result, support groups are flourishing. In them a spouse, a sibling, a caring friend, reaches to others in the same boat for support, for sharing, and often for real help.

In Toronto, there is another source of help for all concerned. Community Occupational Therapy Associates (COTA) a non-profit provincially funded health care agency, provides specially trained Occupational Therapists who visit the homes of patients suffering with Alzheimer's or other similar debilitating illnesses.

At home, with the person and caregivers in their own familiar surroundings, problems specific to the patient and to the family, may be explored.

Often, a person with Alzheimer's disease is forgetful: about his surroundings, about what to do next, even about who he is, or who is looking after him. A loving wife or husband may become confused and angry too. While she tries her best to care for her partner, she may be frustrated by her inability to make him better.

Patient and spouse need skilled help for problem

At the same time, she may feel guilty about her own impatience or lack of understanding, or she may even be angry with her husband who, in a very real sense, has deserted her. Then too, she may be exhausted with round-the-clock care.

Both patient and spouse may be on what feels like a never-ending emotional roller-coaster. They need an objective, skilled professional, to help them sort out their problems and find some realistic solutions.

The COTA therapist is often that skilled professional. In Toronto last year, the psychogeriatric department at COTA received almost daily referrals for individuals and families in need of this sort of support. Each referral resulted in at least one visit to identify problems and establish a plan.

Where the therapist felt that ongoing service would be of value to the patient or to the care giver, a program was estabalished with regular visits and realistic goals.

The Whites are a typical case example. Mrs. White had been "slipping" for about a year, when she was brought home by a neighbor who had discovered her wandering and apparently lost at the neighborhood shopping centre. Mr. White had known that his wife was becoming increasingly forgetfull, but he was suddenly frightened by this new turn of events.

The family doctor was called in and, after some preliminary testing, she referred her patient to a neurologist who confirmed the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. White, at 78, was overwhelmed. His understanding of the disease was limited, and the more comforting his children tried to be, the more anxious he became. He worried constantly about his wife's safety, about her progressive disorientation, and about his own ability to cope! The children, concerned now about both parents, asked for professional help. They were referred to COTA.

The COTA therapist worked with Mr. White to help him care for his wife in the best possible way and with the least amount of stress. She answered his questions and supported Mr. White in his efforts to keep his wife at home as long as could possibly be managed.

As well, she assisted in the very real task of finding homemaking help, occasional relief, and other community supports to keep the couple as independent as possible.

When the time finally came that Mrs. White could no longer be managed at home, the COTA therapist helped Mr. White deal with that harsh reality. Indeed, the therapist assisted the family in the selection of a suitable nursing home, and provided gratefully accepted emotional support until the actual move took place.

Those were difficult times for the Whites, but neither the patient, her husband, nor their children, were left to struggle alone. Each was encouraged to explore their problems and to find honest and workable solutions even in the face of family tragedy.

Kiryat Shemona burials a problem

JERUSALEM —

Thursday is apparently no day to be buried in Kiryat Shemona. Several residents of the Upper Galilee town have discovered this when trying to arrange a Thursday funeral for a newly dead relative with the burial society.

In every instance they have been told that the only person qualified to drive the burial society vehicle with the body to the cemetery for the funeral is not available.

The driver, Hanania Peretz, also owns a small grocer's shop in the local market place, and he simply cannot afford to be away on Thursdays, the busiest shopping day of the week, when housewives make their purchases for Shabbat.

The head of the burial society said that Peretz was entitled to one day a week off of is choosing, since he was only on three-quarters salary.

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Abraham Rubin displays his Therapeutic Chess Board.

New chess board helps disabled play

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — It all began one summer in the 1930s when Abraham Rubin played weekly chess games with a blind Jewish neighbor.

"I used to play with him on Sundays," recalls the owner of Famous Furs on Bathurst St. "Occasionally he would upset the pieces and I would have to repeat as many as 10 moves until he was satisfied I wasn't cheating him.

"I thought if I could make a set that he couldn't upset, that I would enjoy playing with him more."

Moore than 20 years later Rubin had developed what he calls the Therapeutic Chess Board, a chess set that he claims can be used by people with any disability.

Rubin, now 78, has donated dozens of his highly praised game to children's schools, veterans' hospitals, rehabilitation centres and old age homes across Canada and four other countries.

In March, he gave two sets to the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel. "I think they're extremely valuable for those without sight," says Toronto branch chairman Irving Matlow, who plans to put them to use at a wounded soldiers' club in Israel.

But Rubin later returned to the set, completing his first version for the blind in 1961. By that time his blind neighbor had died, so Rubin turned a half-dozen sets over to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

His board could be turned on a 45-degree angle without upsetting the pieces set in square and round spaces on the board.

From then on Rubin became determined to make his chess set — duplicated and assembled at his expense for use in schools and hospitals — useful to people with all disabilities.

First he adapted it for use by quadriplegics by attaching metal tacks to the chess pieces and a magnet at the end of a wooden stick. By propelling the stick in their mouths, quadriplegics could use the magnetic end to pick up the chess pieces and shake them into the spaces on the board.

At Rubin's suggestion, the board was also later used by mentally disabled people who were taught visual and muscular coordination by moving the chess pieces, one at a time, to music.

As a result of its many uses, the board has received high praise.

"We would like to compliment you on the beauty and ingenuity of your workmanship, which I am sure was a labor of love, and which will be appreciated in no small measure by the afflicted," reads a 1962 letter from the Prime Minister's Office in Israel.

A 1984 letter from the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine thanks Rubin for the chess sets and says attempts will be made to use them in classes offered by the division of occupational therapy.

All these and other accolades make Rubin feel proud about his invention which is currently in use at the Toronto General Hospital's therapy program for people with Parkinson's Disease.

"I feel happy that I was able to produce something that was useful to handicapped people," he says.

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Book puts health in biblical context

By
DAVID BIRKAN

The title of the 115-page volume says it all. Health and Medicine in the Jewish Tradition (Collier Macmillan) is an informative and readable overview of that field, based on the Bible, Talmud, and traditional commentators and practitioners.

The price, $23.50, seems a little steep, but then, professionals may be able to deduct its cost, students from bat/bar mitzvah age and up aspiring to be doctors might receive it as an appropriate gift.

The author, David M. Feldman, is the rabbi of New Jersey's Teaneck Jewish Centre.

Its dozen chapters introduced:

- the primacy of health in halachic practice.
- the emphasis on obtaining the best state-of-the-art treatment.
- the contribution and history of Jewish physicians throughout the ages.
- marriage practices and their ramifications for health.
- the Jewish views of artificial insemination, eugenics (choosing a mate according to the qualities desired in the children), life support systems, transplants, autopsies, aging, moment of death, and mental health.

The clear prose has only a few footnotes but is obviously scholarly throughout. There is a basic glossary of relevant halachic terms.

The book is marred by the lack of an index — an easy thing to compile in this day of computers and word processors.

In all, it's a nice little book, and emphasizes an attitude that is thoroughly respectful — even in jest, as Louis Robinowitz recounts in his book Torah and Flora:

A man brings his wife into the doctor's office. She has a heavy gash on her arm from an accident in the kitchen. "Don't worry," says the doctor to the husband, "she'll be all right. I'll clean out the wound and stitch it up right here. I'll just apply a little local anesthetic and. . . ."

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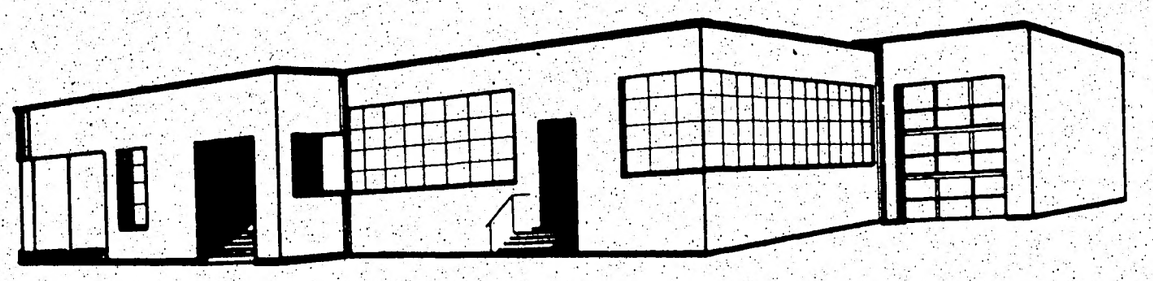

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Blue Demons in 2nd place

JCC team comes up short

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — You can't win 'em all. You win a few, you lose a few.

That kind of philosophical approach may help the boys from the JCC Blue Demons accept a 2nd-place finish in the tournament they recently hosted, but no matter how you cut it, 2nd best has to be something of a disappointment. Especially when you consider how used the team had become to winning.

Fresh off a tournament victory at the 8th annual Brookwood International Basketball Tournament in Montreal, the Blue Demons laced up the old high tops and prepared to show their fans just how good they are.

But in the 2nd annual JCC Classic, held recently at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre, the Blue Demons gave it their best shot, but came up a bit short in the championship game, losing to Lawrence Heights Community Centre 73-70.

The game, played before about 100 onlookers at the northern JCC, featured a come from behind win by Lawrence Heights, making them the best of a collection of eight participating teams from Metro Toronto and cities nearby.

Still, the loss won't tarnish the Blue Demons' reputation, says Seymore Herling, coach of the team.

In fact, the Blue Demons play at such a high level that last weekend they were chosen to represent Ontario in the Eastern Canadian Championships in St. John's, Nfld.

And some of their players are held in such high regard, they've been offered scholarships to play at universities in the United States.

Ilya Gutlin, 18, a graduate of the JCC juvenile basketball program, has been offered several scholarships to play college basketball in the U.S. but will instead play for the McGill University Redmen, says Herling, a research scientist at the Addiction Research Foundation when he isn't coaching basketball.

Herling says many of his charges are good enough now, or will be as they grow older, to play university ball in Canada or the United States.

Who are the Blue Demons?

Basically, they're a collection of mostly Jewish high school basketball players who participate in the JCC's juvenile basketball program.

When they aren't busy playing with the Blue Demons, they are sinking baskets with their (predominantly) North York high school squads.

When they wear the JCC colors, they participate in about 30 games together, some in tournaments, some in league games of the Metro Basketball Association.

JCC Blue Demon Roberto Feig (42) grabs a crucial rebound late in the championship game at the Brookwood International tournament held in Montreal. [Julie Chester photo]

The boys play "a half-court offence," says Herling, running when they can but usually "setting it up, working it into our big men."

At 16 and 17, some of the men are pretty big. Witness 6 ft. 6 Michael Millman and 6 ft. 5 Noah Rotman. Other members of the team include: Andrew Morris, Jeff Krupski, Roberto Feig, Shelby Goldman, Leo Pollard, Barry Hytman, Haimy Behar, Danny Tilis, Amir Cukierman and Alex Raivick.

During the Brookwood tourney in Montreal, held during mid-March, the Blue Demons were led by Feig, who averaged 20.2 points per game. With Rotman and Pollard averaging 13.8 and 11.2 points per game, respectively, the Blue Demons breezed through the preliminary round.

The semi-final matchup with the Verdun Vulcans proved a lot tougher, as the Blue Demons trailed by 16 points at the half. They narrowed the margin to a single point at three-quarter time, were tied at the end of regulation time, and pulled it out in overtime, 64-62. Two clutch free throws by Morris provided the winning spread.

In the final, the Blue Demons got double figure production from six players and squeaked out a 92-89 win over the host Brookwood Apaches.

Unfortunately, when it came time for the JCC tournament, the Blue Demons had to play without their leading scorer, Feig, out with torn ankle ligaments.

Still, they managed to advance to the final on the strength of a 61-52 win over Kingston-Galloway. Millman led the Blue Demons during the tourney, averaging 14.2 points per game. Goldman tallied an average of 12.8, Pollard 10.8 (he was selected a tournament all-star), Krupski 10.2 and Rotman 10 even.

Next on the agenda for the boys, following the Eastern Canadian tournament, is the Provincial Juvenile Championships in Brantford. "I wouldn't be surprised if we won," says Herling.

And while that event usually marks the end of the basketball season, some of the boys (those 16 and under) will go into training from the Maccabiah Youth Games, to be held in Toronto this summer.

"Basketball never stops," says Herling, without a trace of regret in his voice.

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Fashion

"Comfort the key word"

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By
LEN BUTCHER

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But Le Club is a store with a difference. It sells high-quality imported menswear — everything from socks to suits — at discounts of up to 60% with an average saving of 40% on a pure fabric suit.

Marc buys the majority of his clothes from Italy, the rest from France. He makes two trips a year to Europe to order from the same companies that make many of the designer clothes sold throughout the world.

"I choose the fabrics and styles and place my order six months in advance so that we are always in step or even ahead of the latest fashions on the market."

The clothes at Le Club are all made of pure fabrics, from cool wools to light linens. Suits, which make up the bulk of their sales, range from $295 to $495.

It is a family operation with Marc doing the buying and both he and wife Nadia, a charming lady with a bubbling personality, operating the store.

Despite the location and lack of walk-by traffic, Le Club has enjoyed great success. The reasons, says Marc, "are that people like good value for their money and good service. Because we give both, word soon gets around and it has a snowball effect."

"Men are looking for more style"

As for fashion, Nadia says the trend is to lightweight fabrics. "Comfort is the key word."

Marc believes that many businessmen, who were traditionally conservative, are now becoming fashion-conscious.

"They're looking for a little more style, some detail in the fabrics and accessories. At the same time they still want to maintain a look that is conducive to the business they're in."

He says that 3-piece suits are "definitely out" and that "brown seems to be out here in Toronto for the professional man. Gray and blue are the dominant colors in suits."

Although everyone has his own taste in clothes, Marc says a few rules of thumb are: no vents in the jacket and pleated pants. Single and double-breasted suits are popular, but, Marc warns, double-breasted jackets look much better on taller, leaner men.

This is also true of cuffs on pants. "They look better on a taller man. At the same time, only a pant made of a lightweight fabric should be cuffed."

All of Le Club's pants have lining to the knees for more comfort.

As for accessories, Nadia says anything goes. "Colored shirts, stripes mixed with patterns, checks with stripes, with dots, whatever. There are no longer any restrictions.

"The matching of clothes is very free today and you no longer have to follow the old rules."

Marc agrees. "We are under the sign of comfort right now. That seems to be most important.

"This is coupled with a trend toward more freedom. For men to follow their own tastes in clothing and not adhere to any set of rules.

"Today, a man's clothes reflect his personality. You could call it non-verbal communication that men are experiencing and it's a good thing."

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Marc Serraf wears a white linen double-breasted suit from Le Club. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

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A family business

Elegance, high fashion trademark of Ira-Berg

plans fashion show for Youth Aliyah

By
VIVIEN SHARON

"Our image as a store reflects our image as a family," says Michael Berg, 30, who is one of the principals of Ira-Berg Fashions, a name which has been synonymous with elegance and high fashion for 58 years.

"We talk, live, breathe and even dream Ira-Berg. Our commitment is all-encompassing because it's a family business; our name is always on the line," says Berg, who apprenticed seven years ago under his father's stern but loving guidance and his mother's innate flair for fashion coordination.

Michael's parents, Russel and Noreen Berg, head a mini-dynasty and also own the prestigious Celine boutique on Bloor St., as well as Louis Vuitton, specializing in leather luggage and handbags, which is run by daughter, Susan, 32.

Michael's wife, Cindy, who is due with their first child any day, opened a Benetton store at Yonge St. near Blythwood two months ago.

"I learned more about business from my father than any of my teachers or professors," says Michael with pride. He started from the bottom, in shipping and receiving, begrudging it then, but now admits that it was a positive learning experience.

Chatting over coffee in his plush ice-gray second floor office located north of Yonge St. and St. Clair, the younger Berg says that "family" and "tradition" have been the cornerstone to the Ira-Berg success story.

It started 58 years ago with founder Ira Berg, whose premier store was situated at the corner of Yonge St. and St. Clair. Twenty-three years ago, Ira-Berg moved a few stores north to its present site.

Russel Berg has taken over the helm since his father's death, but all the family contributes their views at board meetings, and has input in management decisions. Even Celia Berg, 92, Ira Berg's widow, attends the odd meeting, and has always been an avid Ira-Berg consumer, as are all the females in the family.

"Sometimes we have three generations of Bergs shopping here at one time. Our baby will be the fourth," Berg smiles.

"The business has grown to such an extent that it requires constant attention. Our life is this company," adds Berg, who admits that frequent European buying trips are exhausting and unglamorous.

"The Ira-Berg philosophy has always been chic and sophisticated without being avant-garde," he added. "We stand on the edge of fashion; we're conservative but elegant."

Genny, an exclusive Italian line designed by Versace, has been their trademark import line for over 16 years, says Noreen Berg. "Each of Genny's garments is a work of art," she beams, fingering a black and white suede perforated suit.

In the fall, Ira-Berg will open a Genny boutique in their soon-to-be redecorated upper level, which will be the first of its kind in Canada.

Also on their busy agenda is their first-ever fashion show for Youth Aliyah, organized by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, which takes place on Monday, May 5, at the Four Seasons Hotel Yorkville at 12 noon. Open to the public, the minimum contribution is $100, with a luncheon couvert of $20.

"We will be showing an exciting mix of daytime and evening clothes for spring/summer and fall. The entire Genny fall collection will be featured, as well as luscious furs for evening, suedes, and suede hand-beaded evening gowns."

As for the show's theme, Berg says "It's a surprise — but bound to excite."

It is no coincidence that all the Berg women are life members of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, as are their husbands, who are life associates. Michael's wife, Cindy, founded Tzedekah Chapter four years ago.

"We are thrilled to be associated with Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and it is a pleasure to be involved in a fashion show which will benefit the underprivileged in Israel," he adds.

Tickets for the luncheon and fashion show can be obtained by calling the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO office at 789-4373.

Michael Berg, (left), Russel Berg and Noreen Berg, selecting garments for Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's Youth Aliyah spring fashion show and luncheon to be held at the Four Seasons Yorkville May 5, at 12 noon. (Graphic Artists photo)

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Arts

My Beautiful Laundrette has hard edge

Film pokes fierce fun at immigrant experiences

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — *My Beautiful Laundrette* is a rollicking social comedy with a very hard edge.

Stephen Frears' film, set in contemporary London, is about Pakistani immigrants caught between their Asian homeland and their newly adopted country.

Anyone who understands the problems of immigrants, whether Jews or Chinese, in a strange new land, will immediately empathize with its rich cast of contradictory characters.

My Beautiful Laundrette, which is written by Hanif Kureishi, centres on an extended Pakistani family headed by a fairly amiable hustler, Nasser (Saeed Jaffrey).

Nasser is moderately successful. He owns an underground parking lot, cold water flats and a launderette, which, because of its dreadful condition, he describes as a "boil on the bum." Nasser, a pretty shrewd businessman who has no compunctions about evicting fellow-Pakistanis from one of his properties, keeps a British mistress, the ultimate symbol of success.

Papa, Nasser's brother (Roshan Seth), a disillusioned left-wing journalist, spends his days in a dilapidated apartment, in bed, drinking gin. He is everything Nasser is not.

All of Papa's hopes and dreams for a better life are deposited with Omar (Gordon Warnecke), his son. Omar takes a job as a car cleaner in Nasser's garage, and before he knows it, he is running his shabby launderette in an immigrant neighborhood of London.

Omar, a British-born Pakistani, teams up with his working-class Cockney friend, Johnny (Daniel Day Lewis), to run the launderette. Johnny is a punker and sometime fascist who, despite his lackadaisical ways, wants to succeed in the world.

The pair, who are lovers, revitalize the launderette. It seems as if Omar, with Johnny in tow, will make it. Omar has obviously taken to heart Nasser's observation that 'there's money in muck." Omar is not much interested in pleasing his father by going to college and acquiring "knowledge."

My Beautiful Laundrette, now playing at the Showcase, pokes fierce fun at the interplay between assimilated and non-assimilated Pakistanis trying to get along in a society riven by racism.

If there is a message here, it is that these people have only themselves to fall back on, no matter how Westernized and rich they may be. It is a chilling view, but one not necessarily at variance with the truth.

Saeed Jaffrey is terrific as the cynical, good-hearted manipulator who insists he is not "a professional Pakistani but a professional businessman."

Gordon Warnecke puts on a low key but high-powered performance. Daniel Day Lewis, who appeared as a staid upper-class Englishman in *A Room With A View*, transforms himself entirely here and shows what an actor of uncommon talent can achieve in a starring role.

My Beautiful Laundrette is bitingly bitter and howlingly funny, combining tragedy and comedy seamlessly.

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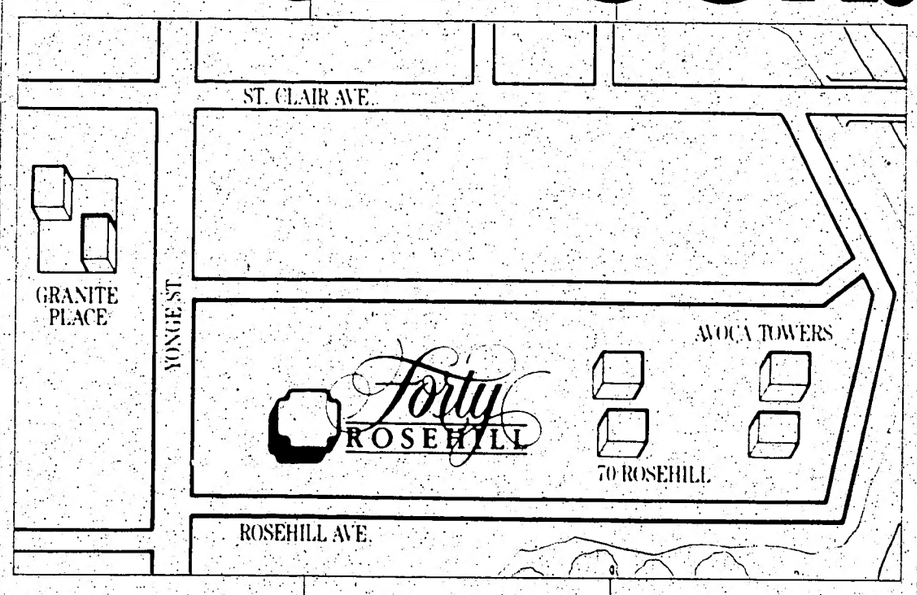

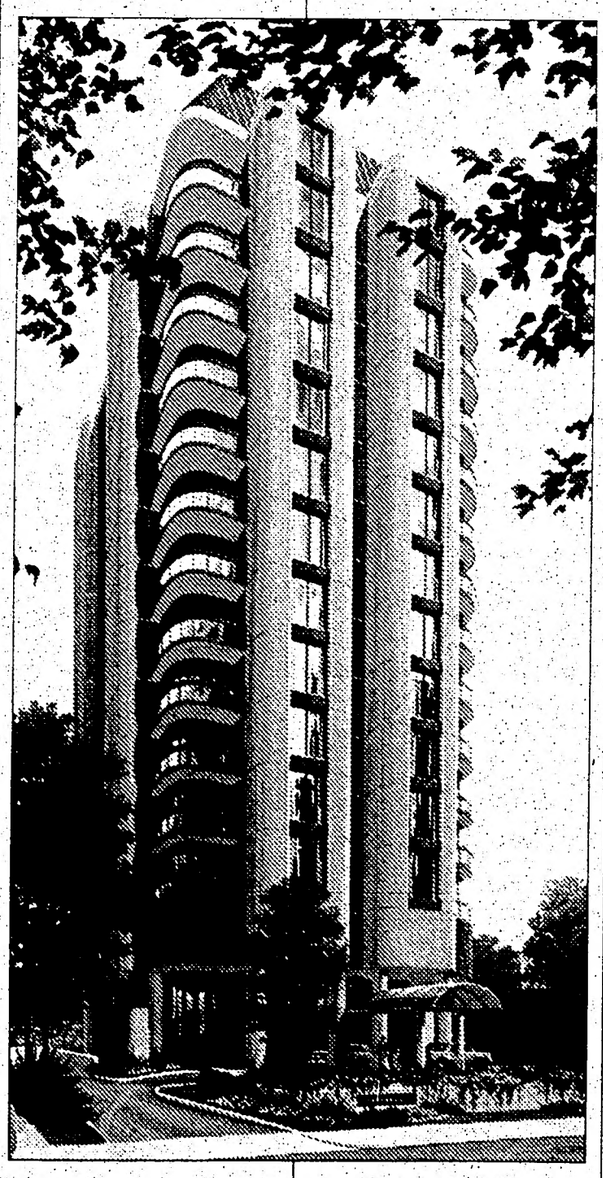

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Lydia Smurlick starting on a new canvas

Smurlick born with paintbrush

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Individualized painting is what Lydia Smurlick calls her art. It started as a fluke about a couple of years ago and now she's having the time of her life doing what she enjoys most and getting paid for it. Who could ask for more?

Born, as she says, with a paintbrush, Smurlick has been painting all her life but although the Winston Ave. home she shares with her husband Barry, a lawyer, and their 11-year-old son, Adam, is filled with paintings, not one of them is hers. Her own, she confesses, were always so admired by anyone who saw them that she could never keep them long enough — not even for a show — and often ended up just giving them away.

Fame

spread

fast

But that's all changed now. A painting hanging in her mother's home caught the eye of a friend, who was so enthusiastic about it that she commissioned one for her own home.

Word — and fame — spread fast and Smurlick has been kept busy ever since, decorating other people's houses with her cheerful acrylic abstracts.

The paintings, she explains, are individualized. "I go into people's homes, look at their furniture, talk to them about what colors they like, the art they enjoy and I take chips of wallpaper and swatches of fabric."

Painstakingly she matches and tones colors, and when necessary, stretches and shapes the canvas to fit a particular space.

An average size painting is about 5 feet by 4 feet and will take about three to four weeks to complete. Prices range between $500 and $700.

Born in Toronto, the daughter of Arthur and Sadie Berman, and educated at Forest Hill Collegiate, where she excelled in science and math but received "a purely academic education," Smurlick had to seek her artistic training outside school.

She spent six years with the Artists Workshop in Toronto, worked as an art teacher for the Scarborough Board of Education and also taught art to multiple-handicapped children, which she found "wonderful" and immensely satisfying.

Following her marriage and move to Hamilton 13 years ago, she enrolled in the renowned Dundas Valley School of Art and in the fine arts program at McMaster University.

"And I've always lived in galleries. And bought paintings." I was buying paintings before furniture," she laughs. "There was no furniture in the house but I had paintings on the wall."

As a volunteer for various organizations, she was particularly active on behalf of Soviet Jewry. "I was always designing invitations and doing table decorations," she says. Now however, she is too busy.

So far, all her work has gone to Toronto and Thornhill but a couple of paintings currently hanging at The Picture Frame in Westdale are bound to catch someone's eye here soon.

Mothers of famous children talk

25 kvellers enshrined in new book

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

There's no genuine English synonym for the Yiddish word *kvell*.

Loosely translated, it means the prideful feeling enjoyed by a Jewish mother when bragging about her uniquely gifted offspring.

The 25 *kvellers* enshrined in Fred Bernstein's new $9.95 Doubleday book, *The Jewish Mothers' Hall Of Fame*, don't have to be told what the word means.

Bernstein, a writer for People Magazine, had the happy notion of tape recording the braggadocio of Yiddishe Mommas who have parented 25 celebrated children, ranging from Steven Spielberg to Bob Dylan.

It's a spicy goulash of a book. Most of it is *kvell* and some of it is *kvetch* (which does *not* have to be defined). And just about all of its 174 pages are very funny — especially the preface by Lisa Birnbach, author of the recent bestseller, *The Official Preppy Handbook*.

Birnbach defines a Jewish mother in this witty fashion:

"Being a Jewish mother means more than just being a Daughter of Zion with children. It means much more than simply ushering in the Sabbath Queen.

"It is more complicated than only redistributing guilt. It's harder than cooking brisket.

"It has to do with participating in a legacy of histrionics and love-smothering, medical school applications and domineering. A Jewish mother would never have "left it to Beaver." Why give up total control?"

The most amusing Momma is Leah Adler, a great deadpan kibitzer, who operates a kosher restaurant in California and is the begetter of moviemaker Steven Spielberg.

She claims not to have recognized her son's early brilliance: "When he was growing up, I didn't know he was a genius. Frankly, I didn't know what the hell he was."

What she did know was that Steven was an undisciplined oddball:

"Steven's room was such a mess, you could grow mushrooms on the floor. Once, his lizard got out of its cage, and we found it — living — three years later.

"He had a parakeet he refused to keep in a cage. It was disgusting. Once a week, I would stick my head in, grab his dirty laundry, and slam the door."

A close runner up for humor is Leah Greenburg, mother of author Dan Greenburg, who wrote *How To Be A Jewish Mother*.

Mrs. Greenburg, a believer in serving her fresh-baked challah with *everything*, would admonish her over-stuffed Danny boy thusly:

"Wait. Take a little bread with that."

"Bread?" he would protest. "With strawberry ice cream?"

"Just a little piece. To help wash it down."

A similar proponent of the virtues of bread is Eleanor Sedaka, mother of pop singer and songwriter Neil Sedaka. She lavishes this supreme compliment on her son:

"He's such a marvelous person. He has such a fine character. He's good. He's like a piece of fresh rye bread."

Other mothers can't resist taking a little dig at their talented yet obstreperous progeny. Naomi Birnbach, who gave birth to author Lisa Birnbach, maintains a bit tartly she had her hands full with her would-be preppy in infanthood:

"She flatly refused Pampers and demanded 100% cotton diapers. She didn't play house; she played cottage. While the other little girls lavished attention on their baby dolls, my daughter pretended to find a baby sitter for hers."

But no matter how wayward their offspring, Jewish mothers seem to remain resolutely loyal. Says Beatty Rutman, mother of songwriter-singer Bob Dylan:

"He's a beautiful poet. But I don't think he was ever the greatest singer. He was never an opera star."

But then she hastily adds: "Of course, I love everything he does. I'm his mother."

Kuni Leml musical coming to Posluns

TORONTO —

What, for heaven's sakes, is a *Kuni Leml* (pronounced Koo-nee Lemel as in Got in Himel?

Reva Stern, artistic director of the Leah Posluns Theatre, answers that question this way:

No, it's not one of those new-wave Japanese designers.

No, it's not one of those Greek philosophers.

And, no, it's not a new sushi restaurant that has opened in the Bayview-Lawrence district.

It's a legendary Jewish nebbish whose name was originally enshrined in Avrom Goldfadn's classic 1880 farce entitled *Kuni Leml*.

And it's the title of the Off-Broadway award-winning musical, based on his comedy, which opens at the Leah Posluns on May 7 for a 3-week engagement until May 30.

Its plot can be summed up this way:

FAYE COHEN

Faye Cohen

So what does a girl do when her father finds her a husband, and he's a shmendrik who's got a limp, a squint, a stutter, and a hump?

If she's a dutiful Jewish daughter living in Odessa in 1880, she marries the shlemiel and blesses papa for organizing her life.

But not in *Kuni Leml*. She's a rebel, a wilful, educated maidel, who reads romantic novels, speaks French, and is resolved instead to marry her handsome, impoverished tutor who is a phudnik — a nudnik with a PhD., so to speak.

The stuttering shlemiel character is played by Robert Rozen, last seen as Seymour in the long-run Toronto musical, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Michael Beattie, who performed in Stratford's rollicking *Pirates Of Penzance*, portrays his handsome young rival.

Faye Cohen, who starred in the Shaw Festival's *Naughty Marietta*, portrays the pioneer feminist character, Lisette. And her patriarchal papa, Reb Pinchos, is portrayed by Nicholas Rice, who performed most recently in both the CBC drama, *Charlie Grant's War*, and the Leah Posluns' production of *Raisins And Almonds*.

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Arts

Desert Hearts worth a watch

Tender, comical film spins a tale of two women

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —
Vivian Bell (Helen Shaver), a prim and proper 35-year-old Columbia University professor of English literature, has come to Reno, Nevada, to get a quick divorce.

After stepping off the train, she is picked up by Frances Parker (Audra Lindley), the owner of a nearby ranch where Vivian will stay until the divorce proceedings are completed.

Vivian is depressed and retreats to her room. She clearly wants to be left alone. Before she knows it, however, Vivian is swept into unexpected currents that change her life.

Desert Hearts, **produced and directed by Donna Deitch, is the tender and comical story of two women who are mentally and physically drawn to each other.**

Vivian, a sophisticate from New York, is ending her 12-year marriage because she "just wants to be free of who I've been."

She is a lady who values order and discipline, who always has had the "right" friends and who knows what prints to hang on a wall.

Now, in Reno, her life has unraveled, her marriage having "drowned in still waters."

Cay Rivvers (Patricia Charbonneau), the surrogate daughter of Frances Parker, is a sculptor who works in a casino. She is also a lesbian who seeks "someone who counts."

Cay has more friends than she can really handle. But they don't give her any spiritual satisfaction. They're fine in bed, but is sex enough?

From the moment Vivian arrives at the Parker ranch, Cay has an eye on her. Vivian is friendly, but aloof. She is not interested in getting involved.

Undeterred, Cay pursues Vivian until she wins her affection.

Desert Hearts, now playing at the Cineplex Odeon chain, is an uninhibited and spunky film with heart. Scenes that once would have been considered unacceptable are treated in almost everyday fashion here. Hollywood has certainly come a long way.

There is nothing crude or vulgar about Desert Hearts. The blossoming homosexual relationship between Vivian and Cay is handled beautifully and tactfully.

Desert Hearts, which unfolds in fast brushstrokes, achieves the delicate balance between deadly seriousness and unfettered mirth. This is one film which will not go unnoticed.

Helen Shaver, a Canadian, brings to her role a stateliness of purpose and a fragile poise that is admirable to watch. You wonder if anyone else could have conveyed such emotions so exquisitely.

Patricia Charbonneau's intensity fills the screen with the burning desire of a woman who will not be denied.

Audra Lindley's portrayal of a haggard, wise, jealous, insecure mother will surely win her plaudits.

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Desert Hearts works wonderfully well.

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Radio show full of chuckles

Lennick's Night Camp makes midnights memorable

David Lennick at work

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

"Camp" is defined in the dictionary as "mediocrity so extreme as to amuse or to have a perversely sophisticated appeal."

If you listen to *Night Camp*, the CBC radio show heard Monday to Friday just after the midnight news, you'll understand the exact meaning of the word.

David Lennick, the droll host, will keep you chuckling long after you've turned off the radio and gone to bed.

It's admittedly hard, particularly during a normal working week, to stay up late listening to a radio program, however good it may be.

And Lennick, 41, is the first to concede the point. "There are people out there who have to get up to work in the morning," he says with a mischevious smile.

Yet Night Camp, which replaced Allan McFee's *Eclectic Circus* last December, does have its devotees. As Lennick puts it: "The show is doing very well, thank you."

Lennick, the son of actors Ben and Sylvia Lennick, draws on his personal record collection of 25,000 to set the tone of Night Camp. Insured for $100,000, the collection is housed in the dank basement of his musty midtown Toronto home.

Although you can hear conventional music like light jazz and Broadway plays on Night Camp, more often than not you'll be struck by the camp which makes his show so quirky, unpredictable and ultimately delightful.

"I especially like the 1920s dance bands and vocalists. They epitomize camp and unintentional parody, like Rudolf Valentino singing Kashmieri Song in English."

Abysmal lyrics

Valentino's rendering of this truly forgettable curio is "incredibly bad," observes Lennick. "He sings like a pig. The record wasn't released until four years after his death."

Lennick is also fond of Lorne Greene singing the theme of *Bonanza*, the long-departed TV serial. "It was a very silly song, played only instrumentally because the lyrics were so abysmal."

Similarly, Lennick is always amused by the likes of Gary Copper reading James Michener's *Tales of the South Pacific*, and Weird Al Yankovic's original recording of *My Bologna, made in a university washroom.*

From time to time, Lennick reads the zany classifieds of New York Magazine. "Most of them are from Jewish princesses, and the writing can be incredibly funny."

Flipping through its pages, his eye caught one ad:

Dear Fairy Godmother — Please let it be true that out there exists a real live male; a decent human being who is tall, 40ish, Jewish, as successful as I am, who wants to share a committed relationship with a loving, laughing, caring, sharing, upbeat, offbeat, sensual woman who has hocked her tiara to pay for this ad..."

Being married to a dancer, he has no personal stake in such alliterative ads. But Lennick, a ham at heart, cannot resist reciting them over the air.

Lennick, who describes himself as "a crazy person to whom nothing is sacred, if I can get away with it," proposed Night Camp to CBC's brass after leaving *RSVP*, the show which mixes classical and variety music.

Having been suitably impressed with his Summer Camp series in 1983 and 1984, the powers that-be agreed. Allan Mcfee had grown tired of doing Eclectic Circus, and they saw possibilities in a show like Night Camp.

Lennick, who had hosted RSVP from Edmonton, was glad to return to Toronto. "My wife and I couldn't stand Edmonton. It's a hockey town with a limited amount of culture."

Before Night Camp and RSVP, Lennick worked for a number of radio stations in Toronto and Oshawa. He landed his first broadcasting job 21 years ago while studying radio and TV arts at Ryerson.

In 1981 and 1982, he was respectively studio director and host of CBC's *Morningside*.

But long before becoming a professional broadcaster, Lennick had formed an attachment to radio. "I grew up listening to *Rawhide*, *Allan McFee*, *Bob and Ray* and occasionally my parents."

From 1949 to 1956, Ben and Sylvia Lennick had their own CBC show, *At Home With the Lennicks*, and it was their son's job to tape each episode off the radio at-home.

Sometimes, they would bring David down to the studio. ("CBC was my first babysitter.")

Recalling those halcyon days, Lennick reminisced: "McFee was the announcer, and at the end of the show, he'd bring me into the announce booth where we'd do our own show."

Today Ben and Sylvia record David's show. Says David: "They have the only complete collection of Night Camp in the whole world."

Dialogues Of The Carmelites
a profoundly moving opera

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Francis Poulenc's rarely performed *Dialogues Of The Carmelites* (at the O'Keefe Centre until April 26) is the exact opposite of the Canadian Opera Company's most recent production of *Aida*.

Verdi's *Aida* is full of swagger and strut and rich with opulent arias. But Poulenc's opera, which made its debut at La Scala a scant 30 years ago, is sombre and subdued and is more recitative than it is melodic.

It is, so to speak, a quiet opera rather than a flamboyant opera.

Nevertheless, it's a profoundly moving opera, and in a curious way, despite its Roman Catholic subject matter, it should touch the heart of Jews during the Passover season.

Based on a true-life story, it deals with a group of Carmelite nuns who were condemned to the guillotine during the French Revolution.

They were thus martyred because they were considered a special people — former aristocrats who refused to surrender their religious faith and house of prayer to the rabble.

The focus of the understated drama is an aristocrat's daughter, named ironically Blanche de la Force, translated from the French as Blanche of the Strength. In fact, she is a timid "little rabbit" who enters the convent to find a refuge from the fiercesome world.

In the end, she marches with her "meek and humble" sisters to the guillotine, transformed by their communion of love into a true martyr of strength.

Irena Welhasch, a Winnipeg soprano who recently graduated from the ranks of the company's young ensemble, is a fine, beautifully controlled Blanche. She handles the nuances of the character with grace and finesse.

But the evening's virtuoso performance is delivered by that great Canadian scene-stealer, Maureen Forrester. She uses both her contralto voice and her acting skills with immense power as the Mother Superior, writhing on the floor in an agonized death scene.

Toronto mezzosoprano Janet Stubbs, another top-notch professional, is also outstanding as Mother Marie in this largely Canadian cast of principal singers.

Director Lofti Mansouri has staged this muted theological conversation with a nice sense of balance, and Jean Fournet has conducted the orchestra with equal subtlety. Both have kept in mind Poulenc's admonition that his silvery and subdued music should stick to the text of the drama faithfully "like chewing gum."

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60th anniversary concert

Varjabed to appear with Toronto Jewish Folk Choir

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Baritone David Varjabed, soloist at the Mainly Mozart festival at Roy Thomson Hall last year and well known in European and North American concert halls, will be starring guest artist in the 60th anniversary concert of the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir to be held at 7.30 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building (behind the planetarium).

Featured on the program will be Jacob Schaeffer's stirring oratorio, Tzvei Brider (Two Brothers), set to I. L. Peretz's immortal poem about men's exploitation of man. A second highlight will be songs of Six Decades, with narration by Rose Kashtan.

This work will present excerpts from major choir performances of the past, like Die Naye Haggadah and Benjamin der Dritter. There will also be selections by Canadian composers and shorter pieces in Hebrew and English.

The Istanbul-born Varjabed has appeared in solo Canadian Opera Company roles in Boris Gudunov, La Traviata, Madama Butterfly and other productions. Soprano Susan Sereda has sung major roles with the Pacific Opera of Victoria and won the Herman Greiger-Torel award.

David Varjabed

Susan Sereda

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is Canada's oldest existing Jewish cultural ensemble. Its cultural niche today has extended far beyond the partisan sphere towards becoming the standard-bearer of a rich classical Yiddish oratorio repertoire.

Besides presenting, with top vocal soloists, musical-choral works by such acknowledged European masters as Goldfaden, Gebirtig and Warshavsky, the Folk Choir, under the leadership of William Phillips and accompaniment of Lena Zemelman, has also presented pieces by Canadian-Jewish composers such as Glick, Barnes and Zuckert.

For further information regarding the May 4 concert, call 489-7681.

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In what promises to be one of the most varied National Ballet programs in quite some time, Danny Grossman's world premiere of his Hot House: Thriving on a Riff, set to music by Charlie Parker, will be presented April 30-May 4 at O'Keefe Centre.

Also on the roster will be Jiri Kylian's Transfigured Night with music by Arnold Schoenberg, together with Sir Frederick Ashton's classic The Dream, set to Felix Mendelssohn's epic musical setting to Shakespeare's comedy. For ticket information call 872-2262.

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Sam Levenson was the humorist-chronicler of New York's first-generation of Jewish immigrants on the Lower East Side, now, Arnold Fine, Jewish Press humor columnist, is Levinson's equivalent for the second generation who inhabited the 6-floor apartment blocks in Brooklyn and the west Bronx from the 1930s to 1950s.

His nostalgic reminiscences of this tightly knit, warm family oriented culture and its fusion of Yiddishkeit with liberal-American optimism are the basis of a sweet, affectionate humor that evoked much laughter during his appearance opening the annual Mizrachi Men's Minkler Auditorium concert.

While Fine extols the virtue of laughing at oneself, his humor is never self-deprecatory. He loves the Jewish people. However, in his cutting barbs against the USSR, he is as caustic as the most acerbic satirists anywhere.

Because the concert began late, Fine limited his portion to 25 minutes, so as to graciously allow the headline act, the Aleph Duo, their full share of time. The humor segment of the concert should have been confined to Fine. The Aleph Duo should have concentrated on what they do best: singing.

Yemenite-born Avshalom Zfira is a magnificent operatic tenor whose powerful voice deserves leading roles at the Met. Galitzianer-Avraham Albrecht is homier, solid baritone. Together the combination is dynamic, especially in cantorial duos such as Schorr's masterwork Sheyibone Bais Hamikdosh.

With such fine musical abilities, the Aleph Duo, accompanied by Elsi Levy, didn't have to include an awkward spoof of Anne Murray's You Needed Me or enagage in corny between-songs patter.

Book offers distilled wisdom

Callwood looks at emotions

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Emotions, by June Callwood. Doubleday, $19.95

What are the basic human emotions? How do they affect us? How can we deal with the way we feel? How is maturity to be achieved?

These are the questions that June Callwood, well known Toronto author, columnist and social activist, propounds in this provocative and challenging book. For her the prime emotions are love, hate, fear, anger, courage, guilt, ambition, depression, anxiety and happiness. In a spritely and engaging manner she discusses these feelings, traces their development in infancy and childhood and indicates how they interfere with one another in our lives.

Her approach is popular and anecdotal. It relies on a wide spectrum of authorities in such diverse fields as psychology, sociology, journalism, theology, politics and philosophy. The result is a mass of undigested quotations and opinions. But the subject matter is unfailingly interesting, and often startling and unexpected.

Anger can be expressed in surprising ways: "Some people get out of hearing distance and then swear fulsomely. Others yell. One woman screams when alone in her car traveling at top speed on a highway with the windows up. She says she arrives at her destination refreshed. A few hum or sing little tunes. Others slam doors, bite their nails, deliberately break something and claim it was an accident."

Physical labor can be a wholesome outlet for anger — men can chop wood or mow the lawn, women can clean the stove or wash the kitchen floor, an outraged child can find relief in kicking a pillow around the room.

Racial and religious intolerance are often the result of self-dissatisfaction. Hatred of strangers is harbored by men and women who are permanently angry. "Even a temporary state of anger will cause reasonably tolerant people to turn on a weaker group."

Courage is a curious and tangled emotion. Properly understood it involves people who rise above misery, poverty, frustration, injustice and the death of a loved one. "Women who keep shabby homes spotless are demonstrating courage in the face of adversity; so are the elderly who enroll in extension courses; prisoners who write poetry, and clergy who march in demonstrations for unpopular causes."

Happiness is an elusive emotion. People who wonder if they are happy aren't. Nathaniel Hawthorne once suggested that happiness is like a butterfly. If you chase it diligently it will elude you. But if you sit very still under an open sky, the butterfly may settle on your hand. Erich Fromm maintained that happiness was not a gift of the gods, but the result of inner productiveness. People become happy by building a liking for themselves, by filling in their centres. Hollow people who don't believe they are worth much, rarely have much to give.

Will Durant once described how he sought happiness and could not find it. "One day he saw a woman waiting in a tiny car with a sleeping child in her arms. A man descended from a commuter train and bent over to kiss the woman and then the baby, very gently. When the family drove away Dr. Durant had a sensation of happiness that left him stunned. He said he realized in that moment of observation that 'every normal function of life holds some delight.'"

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19-year-old virtuoso

Violinist hopes to raise funds to perform in Moscow

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Barry Shiffman is tormented at night with a recurring dream.

It's a dream that gives him the shakes and the shivers and makes him wake up in a sweat.

He dreams he's playing the violin before the world's most prestigious jury of his peers.

Suddenly in a panic he becomes agonizingly aware of two things:

He is unprepared to complete the violin concerto because he hasn't practiced sufficiently.

And he's standing there on the stage stark naked.

It takes no Freud to analyze his dream because it's so nightmarishly linked to reality.

Shiffman is a 19-year-old Toronto violin virtuoso, blessed with dazzling credentials that attest to his brilliance.

He was a concert prodigy at the age of 8.

He was the star of two CBC TV documentaries — *Opus 1*, filmed when he was 10, and *Opus Two*, filmed when he was 15.

He is the winner of more than 50 prizes and scholarships — including, most recently, the $1,000 Temple Sinai Musical Legacy Award and the $10,000 Chalmers Foundation Grant.

And he's been acclaimed a champion in his field — by journalists "the Wayne Gretzky of the violin" and by Toronto Symphony conductor Andrew Davis (for whom he has performed twice as soloist) "one of the most talented young violinists who has emerged in this country."

Now he has capped his achievements by being invited to participate in the Tchaikovsky Competitions in Moscow — the Olympics of the music world that bestowed an instant global reputation on U.S. pianist Van Cliburn.

When he goes to Moscow on June 10 for the month-long competitions, Shiffman can take pride in the knowledge that he has been chosen to compete with 80 of the world's most gifted violinists aged from 16 to 32.

So why is he bedeviled by this nightmarish dream?

It's because he knows in advance he's suffering from a handicap based on his paucity of money rather than talent.

First of all, he lacks funds to support himself so that he can devote his energies totally to the grueling competition ahead of him.

"Barry must practice an absolute minimum of eight hours a day," says his teacher, Leo Wigdorchik, 53, the Jewish Leningrad-born violinist with the Toronto Symphony, who is a professor at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music.

As it is, Wigdorchik's "brilliant" student for the past seven years resorts to playing gigs at bar mitzvahs, art gallery openings and other commercial events, which enables him to practice only five hours a day.

A more important handicap is that he's saddled with an inferior instrument.

He managed to scrape together enough money to acquire a $14,000 French violin crafted by Mirmont of Paris in the 1860s.

But it's definitely not a world-class violin on the order of a Stradivarius that would cost $50,000 and more.

"And you can be sure that just about every other violinist entering the competition will come equipped with a Stradivarius — the Russians with state-owned Stradivarii dating back to the days of the czar," says Wigdorchik.

"That means," adds Wigdorchik with a sigh, "that no matter how brilliantly Barry plays on his French violin the musical sounds won't measure up to his performance."

Consequently, Wigdorchik is hoping that potential patrons will attend a fund-raising violin recital by Shiffman on April 28 at the Heliconian Club, 35 Hazelton Lanes at Yorkville (phone 481-1700). It's hoped that sales of the $8 tickets will help cover his travel and accommodation expenses on his trip to Moscow.

In addition, Wigdorchik hopes that Jewish benefactors in particular will be so impressed that they will make more substantial, tax-deductible donations to the Barry Shiffman Benefit Fund being administered by Alan Nashman (phone 964-6131).

"We Jews are noted for our interest in the arts," says Wigdorchik. "And it would surely be a mitzvah to help give a break to one of our own who is so obviously a first-class artist."

It's equally clear that the adulation heaped upon him thus far has not gone to the head of Shiffman.

He turned up for an interview at The CJN newsroom last week looking quite personable — a dimpled, fresh-faced "normal college-boy type," as he calls himself, informally clad in blue jeans, tieless shirt and sneakers.

He pridefully pointed to the rash on the left side of his neck.

"That's known in the profession as 'violinist's neck,'" he explained, grinning. "We develop a callous there as a result of gripping the violin at the side of our neck after hours and hours of practice."

He was similarly chewing gum because of his profession. "It eases the tension we develop," he said, "as a result of constantly pushing down our jaw on the violin."

He acknowledges instantly that his "tunnel-vision determination" to be a concert star was stimulated at the age of 6 by his father, Dr. David Shiffman, an amateur violinist, whose medical specialty is treating the tendon, disc and stage fright problems of musicians.

He also gives much credit to his grandmother, Lil Sirota, now in her 70s ("a regular Sol Hurok of a concert impressario") and his mother, Myrna, a homemaker in her 40s ("who's never complained about driving me to my violin lessons and always boosted my morale and energy with her terrific chicken soup and matzoh balls").

He says he always hated being known as a "prodigy" when he was a kid.

"That term can only be applied to a genius like Yehudi Menuhin," he insists. "He was an accomplished violinist at 4. And at 8 he made his debut with the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra. I call *that* being a prodigy."

Yet now that he is grown up, he is proud to have joined the ranks of Jewish violin soloists.

"I understand that in the old days, it was automatically assumed that if you were a violin soloist you were, of course, Jewish," he says.

"Things may be different today, but still I feel it's a priviledge to be part of the profession studded with Jewish names ranging from Heifetz to Zimbalist and Perlman to Zuckerman.

Violin virtuoso Barry Shiffman, 19, hopes to emblazon a Jewish name on the banner of winners at the Tchaikovsky Competitions in Moscow.

Explosive play brings predictable audience reaction

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Spring Awakening, Frank Wedekind's explosive play about sexual repression and hypocrisy, opened on a predictable note at the St. Lawrence Centre recently.

Scores of people in the audience, shocked and offended by two scenes of simulated masturbation, walked out of the theatre.

But no one who was familiar with the history of Spring Awakening, which runs until May 3, could have been surprised by the reaction.

Wedekind's play, which explores adolescence and budding sexuality, was written in 1891 but was not performed until 1906. And even Max Reinhardt's production was heavily cut by the censor.

The play's notoriety dogged it again and again, and it was not until 1974 that its full text was seen on a stage.

CentreStage's production, which is directed by Derek Goldby in collaboration with Steve Whistance-Smith and Jim Millan, is entirely faithful to Wedekind's original script.

Furthermore, for the first time, the parts of the teenagers are played by 14 and 15-year-olds rather than adults.

In all these respects, Spring Awakening should have a lot going for it. And when you factor Michael Levine's innovative sets into the equation, you should have a winner on your hands.

But, alas, CentreStage's Spring Awakening is a dismal production.

The play is marred by a certain coldness, a certain aloofness, which does not engage a viewer.

And, worse still, it is simply boring.

Bared buttocks simulated masturbation and loud language do not a play make.

We have no objection whatsoever to explicitness on the stage. If that's what it takes to convey a salient point, so be it.

But when a play gets bogged down in false drama, histrionics and numbing vagueness, it is bound to fail.

Spring Awakening has its moments, of course. But these, unfortunately, are drowned out.

What might have been a fine play is instead a mediocre one. Poor Frank Wedekind.

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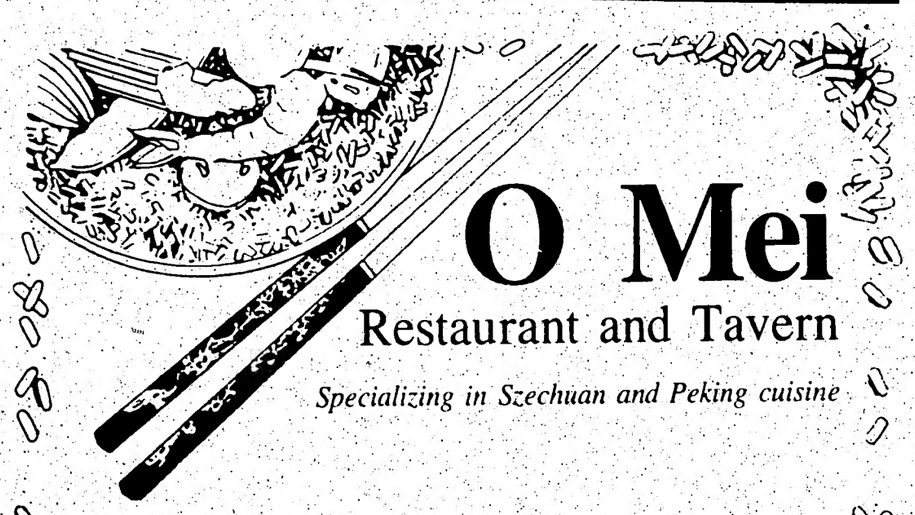

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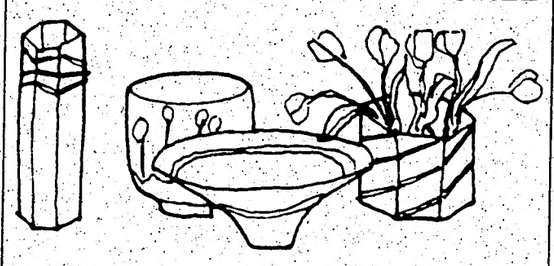

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Scenic views of purple mountains

Virginia's Skyline Drive proves spectacular

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

FRONT ROYAL, Va. — In this small city, not far west of Washington, starts one of the most spectacular highways this travel reporter has ever traveled: the Skyline Drive of the Shenandoah National Park. It's a road across the highest crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains, which joins a little further south the Blue Ridge Parkway, open only to vacation travel from Virginia through North Carolina to the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee.

You drive along the very top of the state of Virginia to discover such wonders as Natural Bridge, an archway cut by nature through a mountain by a small stream. Nearby are seven limestone caves, each of which can be visited. From the highway spectacular scenic views of purple mountains stretch far into the distance, there are strategic overlooks for leisurely viewing of the nearby and distant hills, mountainside farms and colorful displays of wild rhododendrons, azalea, dogwood and other native flowers.

The Blue Ridge Parkway was designed for motor recreation. It is a toll-free road free from commercial development and congestion of highspeed highways.

Wild life abounds along the Parkway. When the sun is high, groundhogs sit erect and chipmunks and squirrels scurry to picnic areas where food from humans can be found. At night striped skunks, bobcats, foxes and raccoons forage the forests alongside the road. Whitetailed deer and black bear are in the area but seldom seen.

The Blue Ridge Parkway lies along a major bird migration route. In spring more than 100 species including many warblers can be heard, if not seen, in the forests and in the fields. Some migrant birds stay all year, nest and raise their young here, while others continue north.

Nearby towns along the entire length of the Parkway provide plenty of accommodations, restaurants and refreshment stands. There are simple small inns and motels and some luxury resorts along the route.

You will want to stop in Roanoke, one of the larger communities, which has a mountaintop children's petting zoo, a modern entertainment and convention centre, as well as a Transportation Museum. You'll be able to play golf here, go horseback riding on woodland trails, and enjoy a variety of water sports.

In the town of Staunton, halfway between Front Royal and Roanoke, you'll want to visit the home of Woodrow Wilson, the First World War President, one of eight U.S. presidents born in Virginia. He was born there in 1856, 10 years after the house was built in Greek Revival style. The home is now a museum, is furnished with Wilson family mementoes and has a 1919 Pierce Arrow car in its carriage house.

There is a story almost every mile of the road through the Shenandoah Valley. At Lexington, south of Staunton, you can visit Washington and Lee University, and see the marble tomb of Robert E. Lee, the American Civil War commander who was president of the university the last years of his life.

Nearby is Natural Bridge on U.S. Highway 11, just off the Parkway. The highway is over the top of this rock bridge, claimed as one of the seven wonders of the modern world. First surveyed by youthful George Washington in 1750 — he cut his initials in its stone — it was bought by Virginia-born U.S. President Thomas Jefferson along with 150 acres for 20 shillings from King George III of England.

At close by Mount Solon each summer there is a jousting festival when horsemen, sometimes attired in medieval armor, hold tournaments riding horses at full speed with heavy lance in hand at targets of even other horsemen.

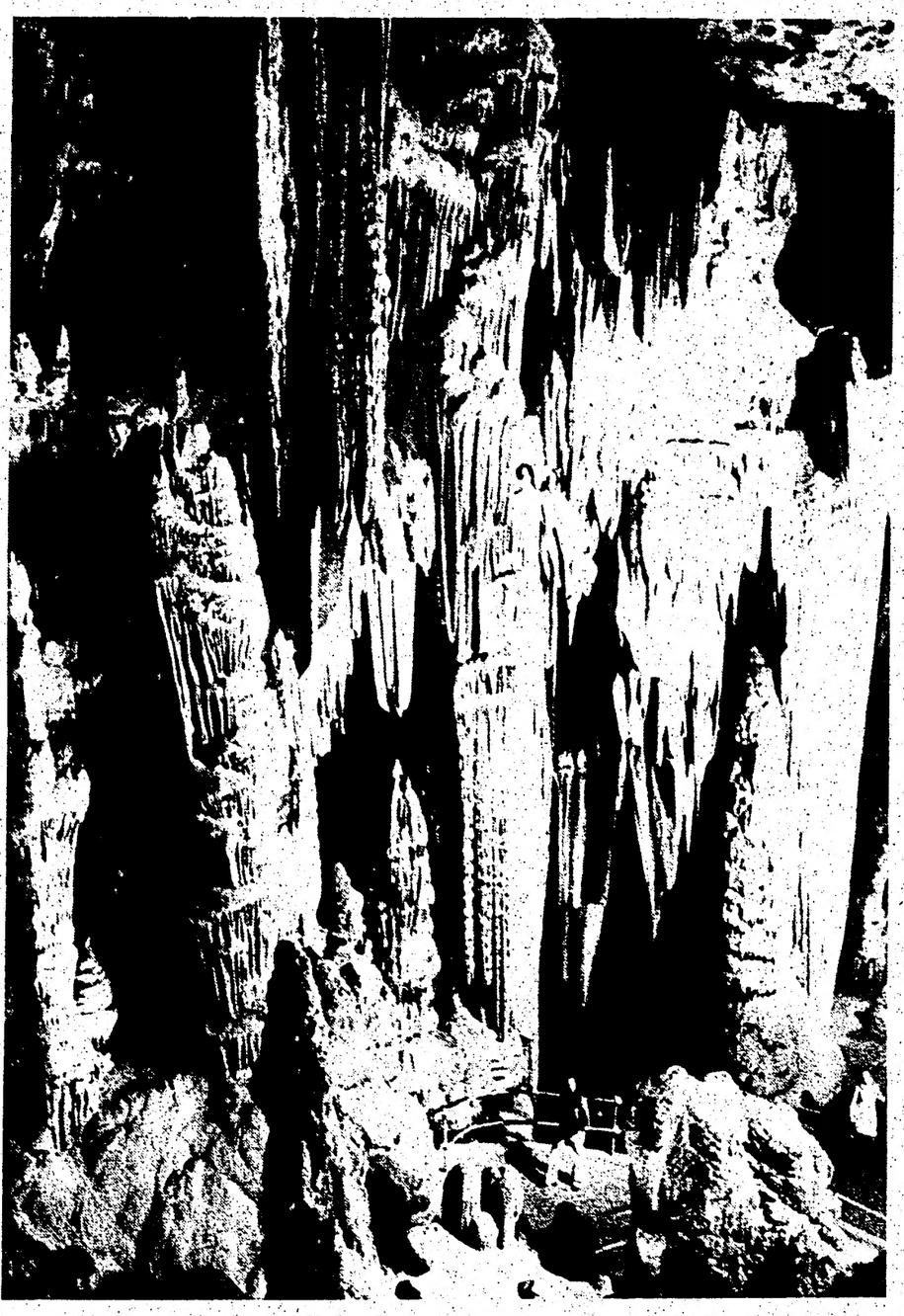
You'll find plenty of waterfalls within view of the Parkway or just a short distance away, with cascading mountain streams where you can sit on rocks and watch the cool waters come from high mountains. There are trout streams throughout the Parkway area for the fisherman.

Short distances from the Parkway you can enter deep caves to walk along guided, and even in some case electric-lighted, paths among limestone formations coming from the ceilings and up from the floor, formed by the drippings of water on the rock. The caves have been commercially developed and are safe to enter with guided groups.

In the valleys you'll find farms where the waterwheel is still used to create power for many purposes, from making flour to sawing lumber.

There are hiking trails everywhere off the Parkway, many with maps available for a nominal fee at roadside kiosks run on the honor system.

If you are looking for a quiet, leisurely way to head south in summer and autumn, the Blue Ridge Parkway is the route. It is often closed in winter because of heavy snows at some places which reach over 3,000 feet (nearly 1,000 metres) above sea level.



A section of the Luray Cave in Virginia, close by the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Shenandoah Valley.

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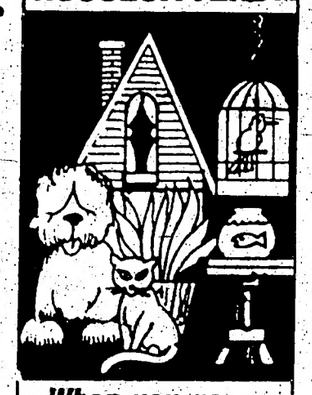

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Hemingway fans can tour Papa's Key West house

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Hemingway House, now a museum open to the public, is one of Key West's most popular attractions. Six-toed cats, descendants of the author's pets, still roam the lush, tropical grounds.

KEY WEST, Fla. — The Spanish Colonial style house enclosed by a red brick wall on a quiet, shady street in this sleepy, semi-tropical town is no more striking than some of the homes a visitor can find here in the course of a leisurely stroll.

But the house at 907 Whitehead St., surrounded by shrubs and luxuriant trees, and graced by flower beds, is nevertheless different.

Ernest Hemingway, the great American novelist, lived and worked here between 1931 and 1940. Designated as a national historic landmark in 1968, the house is now a museum and far and away one of the main tourist attractions in Key West today.

Key West, 4½ hours by car from Miami, is the southernmost settlement in the U.S. Only 90 nautical miles from Havana, Cuba, Key West is a charming, if somewhat dilapidated, place noted for its warm weather, palm-fringed beaches, excellent fishing and bohemian atmosphere.

Hemingway, a Nobel Prize winner, purchased the house for $6,000, a substantial sum during the Depression. He was already a celebrity when he arrived in Key West, having written *The Sun Also Rises* and a host of short stories which marked him as a star in the literary firmament.

Hemingway resided here with his second wife, Pauline, and their two sons, Patrick and Gregory. He produced some of his greatest works in Key West — *A Farewell To Arms, For Whom The Bell Tolls, Snows Of Kilimanjaro.*

He left Key West in 1940 after having met, and fallen in love, with Martha Gelhorn, who would become his third wife. Pauline Hemingway remained in Key West, selling the house to a local jeweler shortly before Hemingway's suicide death in July of 1961. The jeweler, having been besieged by requests from Hemingway fans to tour his former home, turned it into a museum a few years later.

By all accounts, the house and all its furnishings are much the same as when Papa Hemingway was Key West's most famous resident.

A meticulous writer who was satisfied with an output of 500 words a day, Hemingway worked in a loft which overlooks a magnificent swimming pool, the first in Key West. Hemingway would rise early and write his stories on a battered black manual typewriter. If things were going well, he would continue working in his simply-furnished studio, with its green shutters, bookcases and mounted elk head and marlin, until well past noon.

The swimming pool, fed by two salt water wells, was built by his wife when Hemingway was on a journalistic assignment in war-torn Spain. When Hemingway learned that it cost $20,000, he allegedly took a penny from his pocket and tossed it to the ground.

"Here," he said, shocked by the exorbitant price. "Take the last penny I've got." Pauline, apparently amused by his temper tantrum, had the penny imbedded at the head of the pool, where visitors can see it today.

Under a tree, near the pool, is a trough from which cats can sip water. Originally a man's urinal, Hemingway brought it home one night from Sloppy Joe's, his favorite bar in Key West. Pauline was disgusted, but not wanting to make an issue over it, she decorated it with pastel-colored tiles.

The scores of cats which roam the 1½-acre grounds freely are the descendants of cats Hemingway had when he lived here. Museum custodians are fond of saying that the cats are a "living link" with the Key West that was Hemingway's.

Not far from the urinal cum-trough is a basement — reportedly the only one in Key West — which served as Hemingway's wine cellar and hurricane shelter. Having been aware that hurricanes sometimes buffet Key West, Hemingway must have felt secure knowing he had somewhere to hide if a serious storm ever struck. As it turned out, the basement was far more useful as a depository of wine bottles.

The wine certainly came in handy when the Hemingways entertained guests in their rather cramped dining room. The decor, as befits a man who romanticized Spain in his work, is Spanish down to the very last detail. A discolored photo of Hemingway against the backdrop of a marina hangs on a wall.

The kitchen, in back of the house, is roped off. The 2nd-floor bedroom, with its king-size bed and ornate Spanish headboard obtained by Hemingway in a monastery, looks to a green wraparound verandah. A low, weathered leather chair which hugs the floor was used by Hemingway when he watched bullfights, one of his favorite sports.

In another bedroom, which was set aside for his sons, there are framed black-and-white photographs of Hemingway hunting in Africa, fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and skiing in the Austrian Alps, as well as copies of some of his novels. This, probably, is the most atmospheric room in the house.

Downstairs, in the foyer, you can buy Hemingway memorabilia ranging from T-shirts to books.

Hemingway's house is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $3 for adults and $1 for children. If you've read and enjoyed Hemingway, it is well worth visiting. Free guided tours are available about every half-hour.

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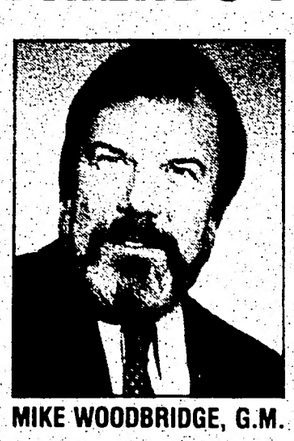
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Wardair to begin scheduled service with lower prices

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

TORONTO — Wardair, the long-established charter airline, begins daily scheduled service in Canada on May 4 with non-stop service between Toronto and Vancouver, on May 3 between Toronto and Edmonton and Calgary. The carrier will also begin scheduled non-stop service from Toronto to London on a daily basis.

Wardair was granted a licence by the Canadian government to provide scheduled service within Canada in March.

This makes Wardair the third airline within Canada to operate scheduled service across Canada on a daily basis. To compete with the other two airlines, Canadian Pacific and Air Canada, Wardair will have 1-class service at 30% lower than the other scheduled services. The airline will provide a number of big seats — wider and with more leg room than in the bulk of its seating, at the front of the wide-bodied Boeing 747 and Douglas DC-10 aircraft, at an extra cost of $75 on the Toronto-Vancouver route, and for $50 on the trans-Atlantic route. A passenger wishing to upgrade from the regular seating to the big seat can do so even after boarding if there are any big seats available, and by paying the extra fee.

Scheduled are 12 flights per week each way between Toronto and Vancouver, six flights per week each way between Toronto and Calgary, and four flights each way between Toronto and Edmonton.

As a special inauguration feature, all flights between Toronto and Vancouver for the month of May will be at $199 1-way, between Toronto and Edmonton or Calgary at $169. The big seat option on the service to and from Edmonton or Calgary and Toronto is an extra $50.

From June 16 prices will go up to $229 1-way Toronto-Vancouver, from July 1 to Oct. 31 to $289 on this route, with $75 big seat option available.

There will also be excursion rates on each of the routes ranging from $369 in May on the Toronto-Vancouver run to $459 from July 1 to Sept. 8, with the big seat option extra at $150 return. Excursion rates are subject to length of stay and payment conditions, while 1-way fares can be booked as late as the day of flight if space is available.

"We've been waiting for years for this opportunity," George Curley, president and chief operating officer, told The CJN. "Our company has worked for a long time for a licence to fly scheduled service and we intend to show that our traditional approach to service and competitive pricing will earn us a place as a scheduled carrier with Canadian travelers."

The airline will use its usual food service, using Royal Doulton china and serving wine with meals. It plans to expand scheduled service to Eastern Canada later, and has agreements with other international charter airlines to book direct on charter basis from Canadian cities to almost anywhere on the globe, using London's Gatwick Airport for transfer to other charter airlines. It will continue its charter services to Europe, Caribbean and Pacific destinations.

Wardair has plans to buy more aircraft for its expanding services and is considering the idea of going public at a future date.

Wardair Boeing 747 aircraft which begins daily scheduled service Toronto-Vancouver on May 4.

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"Getting good feedback"

Caplan claims advertising policy saving money

By
JEFF ROSEN

Since implementing the Ontario government's new system for selecting advertising agencies last September, contracts have begun to be distributed more evenly throughout the advertising industry at a cost-savings to taxpayers, says Elinor Caplan, chairman of the management board of cabinet.

"We're getting lots of good feedback about how we've opened up the process and begun to distribute the business more evenly throughout the ministry," Caplan said at a recent meeting of The Society of Ontario Advertising Agencies.

"Competent agencies which have not bid in the past for Ontario government business are entering the competitions and winning contracts," the minister said, in her capacity as minister responsible for government advertising and communications policy. "I take this as a testimonial to the fairness of the system. It is working to stimulate competition as well as to ensure open access to government accounts."

Caplan says the new system, which is being coordinated by the Advertising Review Board — an agency which functions autonomously from the government in the selection of agencies for major accounts — was established to allow Canadian-owned ad agencies and other communications companies to compete "fairly and openly" for government business in all areas.

"This stems from our long-standing concerns that in the past the process was somewhat 'closed' and limited to 'repeat customers,' if you know what I mean.

"While previous experience in government advertising is not longer a mandatory or primary qualification, we expect a sensitive appreciation of the unique character of our advertising."

As a result of the government's efforts to achieve maximum cost-efficiency and improve management practices and techniques, Caplan says approximately $3 million or about 30% of uncommitted budgets were constrained from advertising budgets of various government ministries and agencies, with the exception of tourism and Foodland Ontario, which were left untouched.

Since being introduced, Caplan says competitions have been held for four major accounts, including the agency of record which went to McKim Advertising Ltd. As Ontario's agency of record, it is responsible for placing an estimated $30 million in total billings per year.

Elinor Caplan

"Our first competition to appoint an agency of record, produced not only a highly competent agency, but also a good deal for Ontario taxpayers," Caplan says. "By my reckoning, the government saved about $470,000 right off the top."

Ministry contracts awarded so far include the tourism and recreation account of $8 million in billings to Vickers and Benson; the Foodland Ontario Program for the ministry of agriculture and food for $1.7 million to SMW Advertising Ltd.; and the ministry of housing, $600,000 in billings to Straiton, Pearson, Martin and Holman Ltd.

"All of these are highly qualified, capable agencies and I'm pleased to say that at least one of them has never had government business before."

Caplan says four more competitions are currently in progress including the ministries of the attorney general, transportation and communications and community and social services and the first competition for Ontario Hydro in 30 years.

As well as reviewing advertising expenditures, Caplan says the government is also in the process of developing new systems for the purchase and management of government vehicles, government travel, maintenance of centralized supplier lists and inventory management.

Film tax shelter escapes govt. knife

By
MICHAEL DEVERETT

The federal government's February budget has closed several loopholes, but it looks as if the film tax shelter is here to stay. Producers seeking investors to fund their films, and investors seeking to save taxes, are being encouraged by the government to get together.

A tax shelter is an investment which allows you to save money by reducing your taxes in a given year. The government will allow investments in properly structured film projects, whether for the movie theatres or television, to be depreciated.

For example, if you invest $10,000 in a certified film production in 1986, the government will allow you a $5,000 credit in 1986 and another $5,000 credit in 1987. If your tax rate is 40%, you will save $2,000 in taxes in 1986 and another $2,000 in 1987. With proper structuring, you can even borrow up to 95% of the $10,000 and write off the interest.

Film tax shelters received a bad name in the late 70s due to fly-by-night producers more interested in making a fast buck than in returning a profit to their investors.

Today many legitimate film tax shelters involve "pre-sales" to distributors or television networks. The film is "sold" before it is finished, provided that the technical and quality standards of the final product are maintained. A pre-sale guarantees some degree of commercial success, and minimizes the risks to investors.

Pre-sales can range as high as 70% of the total budget of a film. This is attractive to investors who want some assurance that they will receive a return on investment.

An investor is wise to seek the advice of an accountant, lawyer or consultant familiar with the complexities of the film tax shelter. For instance, the effects of "recapture" and the proposed minimum tax rules should be considered, and the pre-sale structure reviewed. To receive a tax credit a film must be certified by the minister of communications. This ensures that significant numbers of Canadians were involved as producers, directors, writers, actors, etc.

The budget confirms our government's commitment to fostering the growth of our Canadian film industry. Only pre-sales concerning films are specifically exempted in the budget.

Other tax shelters, formed as limited partnerships, will be reduced to the amount of the investment which is "at risk." With the increasing number of film productions in Canada, more and more film tax shelters should be available to allow investments to cut their taxes while nurturing the Canadian film industry.

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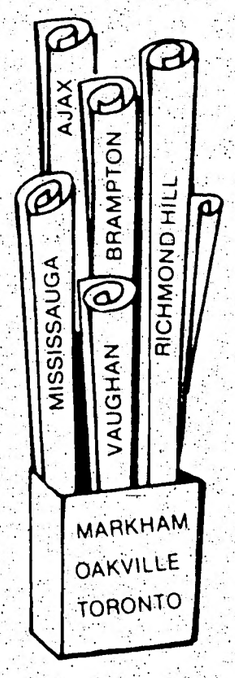

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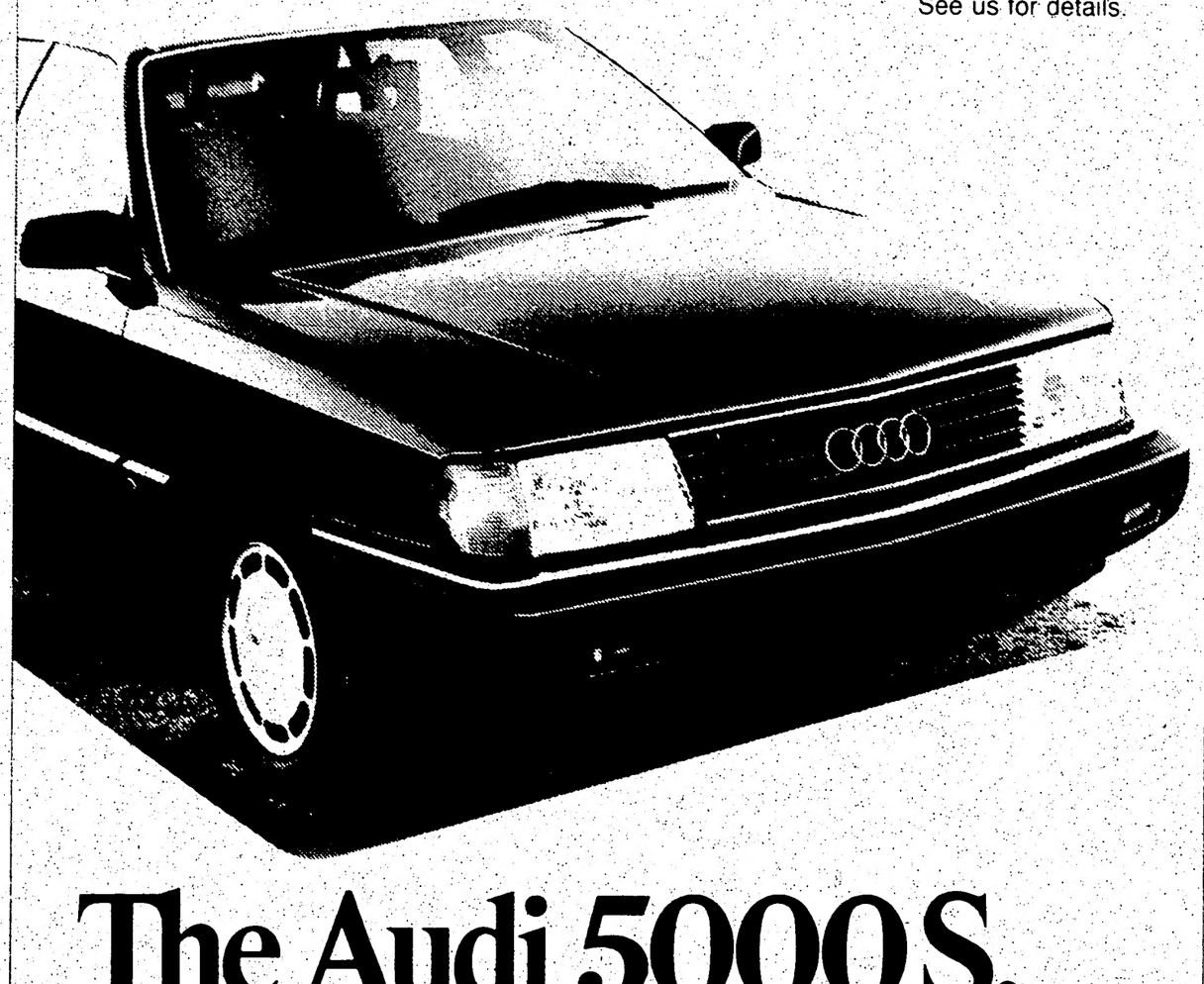

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AMT means another complicated calculation

By
MURRAY RUMACK
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The alternative minimum tax (AMT) is, as its name implies, an alternative tax calculation to the regular tax calculation with which we're all familiar.

Starting this year, you will have to calculate federal tax under the regular system first, and then calculate it once again under the minimum tax system. The higher figure will be your federal tax for the year, on top of which will be added provincial taxes and any federal or provincial surtaxes which may apply.

Since the federal AMT rate is 17%, the combined federal/Ontario rate will be 25.5% in 1986, not including any surtaxes.

When AMT was announced last December, the government estimated that fewer than 100,000 taxpayers would be affected. With the changes announced in the Feb. 26 budget for Canadian dividends, even fewer taxpayers will be affected by AMT. For most Canadians, then, AMT means only that they will have another complicated tax calculation to work through.

The February 1986 budget eliminated the 50% add-on for Canadian taxable dividends for purposes of the AMT calculation. Now you only report the actual cash received and pay the same tax you would pay under the regular 1986 rules with the dividend tax credit. In 1987, the AMT rate on dividends will actually be lower than the regular rate because of the proposed reduction in the gross-up and credit mechanism from 50% to 33⅓%.

The February budget also eliminated tax-free capital dividends from the AMT tax base. Capital dividends are often used to pay out life insurance proceeds to shareholders on a tax-free basis. Companies often take out insurance on a key employee/shareholder's life to help fund the purchase of shares from the estate upon death. As a result of this change, corporate-owned life insurance will continue to be a preferred method of funding shareholder buyouts.

In 1986, a single person will be able to claim an AMT exemption of $44,180. A married person who can claim his spouse and two minor children will be able to claim an AMT exemption of $49,260. As a result, if you earn less than $45,000 to $50,000, AMT will generally not affect you. If you earn more than this, you will generally not be affected by AMT as long as you are not claiming large amounts of certain tax deductions. These deductions include certain tax shelter writeoffs, any pension and RRSP contributions, your capital gains exemption claim and, in some cases, your deduction for interest expense.

Small business owners and investors earning large amounts of dividends are more likely to be adversely affected by these deductions than other taxpayers (whose main source of income is salary or interest). This is because dividends bear less regular tax than other income.

It makes sense for people likely to be affected by AMT to start reviewing their 1986 sources of income and deductions now with a view to changing their investment and/or remuneration plans.

Chartered accountants always arrange small business owners' remuneration — dividends, salary and bonuses — to minimize tax. Employee/shareholders who receive dividends from a Canadian corporation should be aware of the fact that, in 1986, they may generally receive up to $43,000 on a tax-free basis. In 1987, the reduction in the dividend gross-up and credit reduces the tax-free amount to $24,600.

As well, the February 1986 budget also proposes to limit a company's deduction for unpaid remuneration (such as bonuses) to amounts paid within 180 days of the company's year end. But this won't affect small business owners until next year because it only applies to fiscal periods commencing after Feb. 25, 1986.

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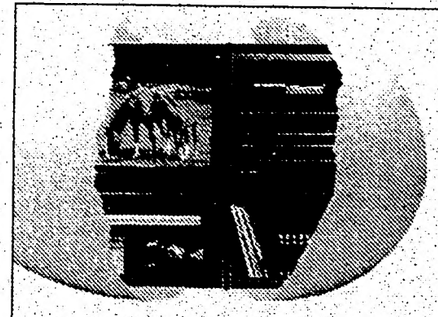
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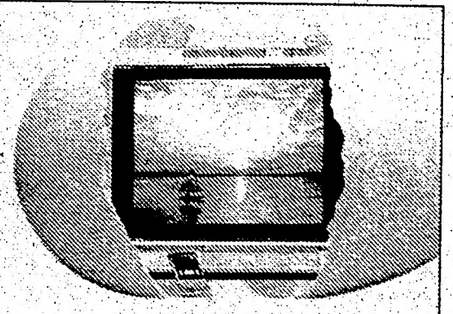
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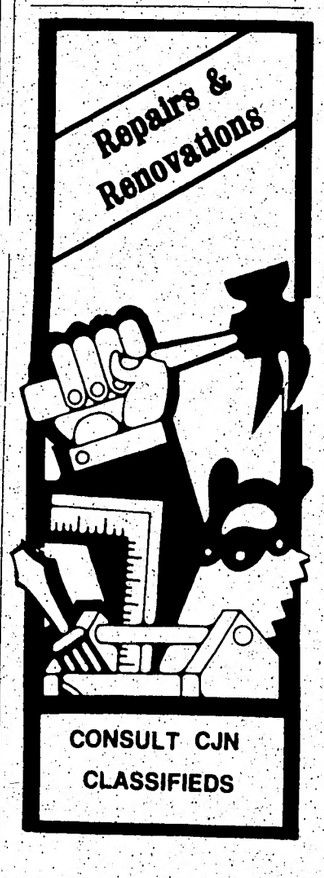

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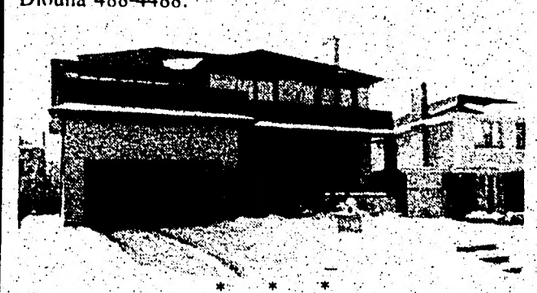

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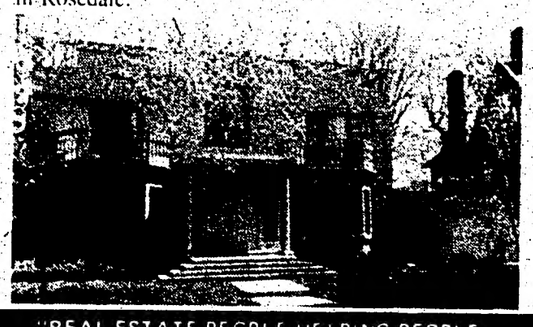

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SIGESMUND, Jessie — Passed away peacefully on April 5, 1986 in Winnipeg. Beloved wife of Samuel Sigesmund. Besides her husband Sam she is survived by two children Reesa and her husband Bryant and Dr. Stewart Sigesmund and his wife Nooney; grandchildren Debbie and Kevin Kassirer; Marney and Gary Opolsky; Jory, Dayle, Cindy and Darren Sigesmund; a great-grandson Jeremy Opolsky; a brother Herb Goldstone and nieces and nephews both in Winnipeg and Los Angeles. Jessie was a Life Member of Hadassah-WIZO and devoted her efforts for charity. Jessie and Sam celebrated their 61st Wedding Anniversary on March 1, 1986. Burial was at Shaarey Zedek Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers donations to Hadassah-WIZO or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Elias, John on 4/4/86, late of 42 Forest Grove Dr., Willowdale.
Wasser, Morris on 4/5/86, late of 191 Clanton Park, Downsview, Ont.
Kay, Sadye on 4/5/86, late of 2400 Bathurst St., Toronto.
Houpt, Barbara on 4/4/86, late of 251 Maple St., Englewood, New Jersey.
Elston, Sarah on 4/5/86, late of 40 Chichester Place, Scarborough.
Prager, Esther on 4/7/86, late of 680 Roselawn Ave., #650, Toronto.
Freedman, Annabelle on 4/6/86, late of 77 St. Clair Ave. E., #506, Toronto.
Weiss, Ernest on 4/8/86, late of 101 Alexis Blvd., Dwns., M3H 2P8.
Goldhart, Jack on 4/7/86, late of DeQuincy Blvd., Dwns., M3H 1Y6.
Kelner, Sarah on 4/7/86, late of Psychiatric Hospital, New Jersey.
Bernstein, Bertha on 4/8/86, late of 2601 Bathurst St., #611, Toronto.
Yuck, Miriam on 4/7/86, late of Hong Kong, China.
Shinefelt, Ethel on 4/8/86, late of Cummer House, Toronto.
Waisglass, Max on 4/8/86, late of 569 Sheppard Ave. W., #711, Willowdale.
Schulman, Aaron on 3/28/86, late of 59-15 47th Ave., Woodside, Queens, N.Y.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Bengio, Estrella on April 10, 1986, late of 360 Ridelle Ave., #1008.
Bojm, Ita on April 9, 1986, late of 25 Vinci Cres.
Goldbloom, Edward on April 13, 1986, late of 242 Grace St.
Jacobs, Victoria on April 10, 1986, late of Rosebank Villa Nursing home.
Kelly (Kazdan), Frederick on April 9, 1986, late of 58 Stonedene Blvd.
Torem, Kiwa on April 2, 1986, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #610.
West, Jack on April 12, 1986, late of 640 Sheppard Ave. E., #704.

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The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Fanny Lapkin** will take place on Sunday, May 4, 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Sinai Memorial Park — Wilson Ave. Farband Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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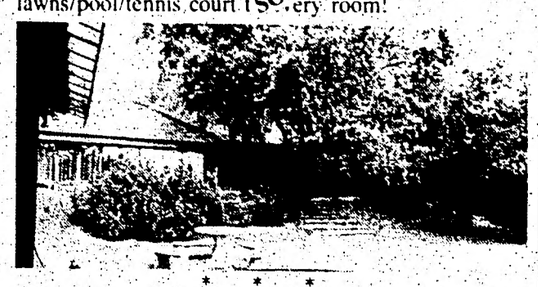

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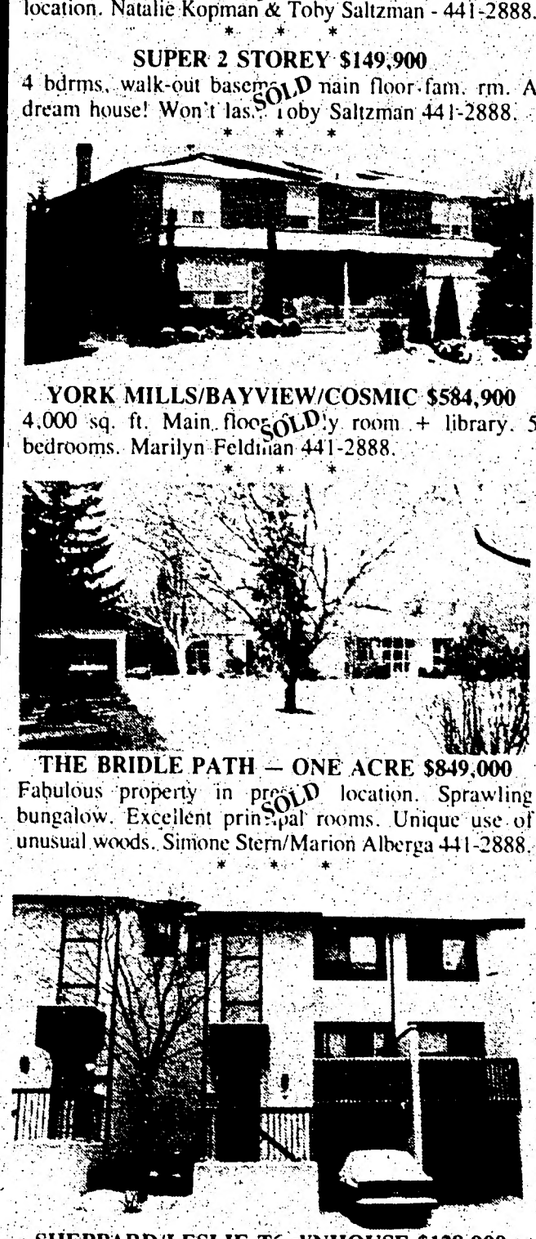

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